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Reform promised by Christmas

Leadership snub angers local Tories

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce

GRASSROOTS Conservatives rounded on the party at Westminster last night after the 164 Tory MPs decided that they alone would choose a successor to John Major.

The contest will begin on June 10 under the existing rules after the backbench 1922 Committee rejected activists' demands - backed by the party chairman Brian Mawhinney - that they should have a say.

Members did, however, win a promise of root-and-branch reform after next month's contest, which will now almost certainly be the last conducted solely by MPs.

Even so, the National Union, the party's voluntary arm, will press ahead with plans to give its association chairmen a vote and will publish the results the night before the first ballot.

Robin Hodgson, the National Union chairman, who has been pressing for activist involvement, was diplomatic in his public comments in spite of his disappointment. But others were angry and spoke of a party in ferment.

Welcoming the promise of change in the future. Mr. Hodgson said:, "It is a breakthrough. An agreement will be reached by Christmas. The new system will be in place for the next leadership contest. But clearly I am very sad and disappointed that not enough MPs could be persuaded to make a change in time for the

next election." But Baroness Miller of Hendon, a leading member of the National Union executive.

feared that there would be a further fall in party membership. Ordinary members will be up in arms ronight. They are the ones who worked hard. in all weathers, to try to secure the re-election of a Tory government," she said.

They blame the MPs for losing us the election because they were so disloyal. Yet these are the ones who have decided they are the only ones who are capable of choosing their leader. I have not known the party membership in such a ferment since MPs decided to get rid of Margaret Thatcher. There was a groundswell in favour of change before the election. Since we have been robbed of representation in Wales, Scot-

land and most major cities, the

groundswell has grown into a

clamour for change. I am very sad and very disappointed."

Lord Archer of Westonsuper-Mare, a former deputy chairman of the party and leading advocate of reform, said: "The real decision will be made not by the 1922 but by the next leader of the party. If the new leader decides to do nothing about involving the grassroots, there will be a riot at the party conference. It will be awful. It will not exactly send the eleverest signal to the country that we intend to build a democratic mass membership party if the new leader is

chosen by In4 MPs." Yesterday's decision was a setback for William Hague. the former Welsh Secretary, who is widely believed to be the favourite among local members. But his cumpaign team was undaunted, and

called on other candidates to match Mr Hague's pledge to submit himself to an immediate conference of members for endorsement if elected.

John Redwood, another of the six candidates, said: "It is a perfect resolution. The new leader will be chosen under a system which has the unanimous backing of the 1922 Committee and the full support of the voluntary wing of

The 18-strong 1922 executive agreed yesterday morning that there should be no change in the present method of electing the leader and Sir Archibald saw Mr Hodgson at lunchtime. Mr Hodgson apparently reluctantly accepted that the MPs would not be moved and was reported to have backed the deal. Later a full meeting of the party's MPs decided in less than 10 minutes to hold the contest on the

present rules. The six candidates will therefore face their first ballot on June 10. If no candidate achieves an overall majority. there will be a second ballot a week later. If there is still no outright majority, the two top candidates will hold a run-off two days later on June 19.

Sir Archibald will then present options for the new election rules to the 1922 Committee before the summer recess. These will be considcred by the party conference in the autumn and the committee is expected to vote on the plans by the end of the year.

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Pavlos Georgiou arrives at Larnaca yesterday where he swaggered into court, joked with photographers and seemed to enjoy his celebrity status



Cypriot judge to arrest a fisherman accused of infecting his British lover with Aids after he admitted himself into a clinic hours before his trial was due to begin vesterday. Janette Pink looked distraught

FROM DANIEL McGRORY

IN LARNACA

DETECTIVES were ordered by a

and confused as her unprecedented legal challenge began in a Larnaca court without the man she accuses of sentencing her to death. For six hours she waited in the stifling court precincts, unsure whether Pavlos Georgiou, 40, would be brought from the Aids ward at the city's general hospital a mile away. Mr Georgiou's doctor had explained that the father of four, who

has HIV and whose wife had died of

the disease, was suddenly fearful yesterday that he was developing dangerous symptoms of the virus.

She shook her head in disgust when the court was told how Mr Georgiou complained that he had a fever only two hours before the case was due to start. The judge looked equally incredulous when Dr Yiannis Demetriades conceded that his patient's temperature had been found to be normal. The judge immediately sent police to the

hospital. Maria Malachatou, the state prosecutor, underlined the urgency of hearing Mrs Pink's testimony. "She has great health problems which makes her appearance in court in the future very doubtful," the prosecutor said.

When he eventually arrived in the

Cypriot forced to attend Aids trial afternoon, Mr Georgiou, a muscu lar and heavily built man, appeared a picture of health as he climbed from the police car, gave a thumbs up to cameramen and swaggered

into the crowded court, apparently enjoying his celebrity status. If convicted, he faces up to two years in prison or a £1,800 fine. Mr Georgiou denies the charge.

Mrs Pink, 45, was already in court with her parents, Victor and Sylvia Rushton, when Mr Georgiou arrived. When the moment came after her ten-month campaign to confront the man she says knowingly infected her, she could not look him in the eye. Instead she stared ahead while her father threw a protective arm around her.

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Cambridge top again

Cambridge tops The Times ranking of universities for the fifth successive year, extending its narrow lead over Oxford. St Andrews emerges as Scotland's finest

The league table, which compares the 96 universities on eight measures, was altered to give extra weight to official assessments of teaching and research Pages 38, 39 Leading article, Page 21

Leggings ban

Miniskirts and leggings have been banned by the new regime in the Democratic Republic of Congo. A radio station said that clothes which display the female figure should not be worn and that women should dress themselves with "decency" in

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abuse by church officials

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

Methodists act over sex

MEN in the Methodist church, including ministers and lay workers, are sexually abusing women with whom they come into contact, according to a Methodist Church report published today.

In an unprecedented acknowledgement of the gravity of the situation, the Methodist Conference will observe a minute's silence "as a mark of sorrow" when it meets in London next month.

A tiny fraction of the church's 3,660 ministers and 10,000 preachers are involved and only a minority of the country's 1.2 million Methodists have experienced abuse or been abusers. But the situation is considered sufficiently serious for the church to be planning a review of disciplinary procedures. A task force to monitor the progress of vic-

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tims of sexual abuse may be

working party after all district chairmen were asked in 1996 about disciplinary matters

against other women.

private. Many ministers avoid

The report was written by a

over the previous 15 years. Of 65 cases of sexual harrassment, 55 involved men against women or girls, five were men against men, three involved women against men and two involved women

But the report says: "Of the total of 65 cases involving complaints of harasyment. perhaps the most worrying feature is the significant number in which the resignation of the minister effectively prevented disciplinary action." The church uses a disciplinary court system where a panel of six hears cases in

these by resigning as soon as a complaint is made. And many victims find the strain of making the complaintton difficult to bear.

The report says the church is often seen as a haven for people experiencing difficulty and who are seeking to have their innermost needs met. Nonetheless it is in the act of seeking help and support at times of trouble that some of the women we have heard from have made themselves more vulnerable to the potential for harassment."

The Methodist church last night emphasised that it does not consider the problem to be any worse in the church than in other organisations but it wants to set a lead by confronting it head on.

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'Mail' proprietor switches to Labour

By James Landale and Carol Midgely

prietor of the Daily Mail. which supports the Tories, has joined the Labour benches in the House of Lords.

The chairman of the Daily Mail and General Trust, parent company of the Associated Newspapers group, sat on the government benches on Wednesday afternoon during the final day's debate on the

Queen's Speech. Last night Lord Rothermere said: "Paul Dacre leditor of the Daily Mail is a great editor and I have a very good relat-ionship with him, but we do not always share exactly the same views on politics." Lord Rothermere, 71, is list-

ed in Dod's Parliamentary Companion, the bible of the Palace of Westminster, as sitting as a Conservative since he inherited his title from his lather in 1978. His grandlather

and father, the first and second viscounts, sat on the

Liberal benches. However, the present holder of the title does not appear on the Opposition whips' list of Conservative peers and there was confusion last night as to his formal political allegiance in the Lords. The House's information office said that Lord Rothermere had not attended the Lords for at least the past two parliamentary sessions effectively since 1995. According to Lords' records, Lord Rothermere had not sworn the oath of allegiance for the past two sessions and therefore was unable to take his seat. A spokesman for the peer said: "If he had attended, he

would probably have sat on the crossbenches." However, Lord Rothermere swore the on the on Wednesday May 7, the Continued on page 2, col 4

England clean up their act — and win

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE England cricket team, under pressure to smarten up both their play and their dress, did just that at Headingley yesterday. They rang the changes with a tidy victory, after a shaky start, over Australia and turned in a solid team performance in the fashion stakes.

The Surrey pair Adam Hollioake and Graham Thorpe rescued England to give the home side a six-wicket victory in the first one-day international. Hollioake,

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who was named man-of-the-match, ended the game with a mighty six over square-leg to finish with an unbeaten 66,

his first international 50. Thorpe made the top score with 75, his 12th international half-century, as England, set 171 to win, reached the target in 40.1 of their 50 overs. The left-hander overcame the threat of Shane Warne, who switched ends twice but never settled down on a cold, dark day. The England captain Mike Atherton

said: "We bowled and fielded well and

then Adam and Graham saw us home from a difficult position."

Earlier this week it emerged that the England team had been issued with a 28page rule book with strict instructions on their dress, diet and deportment. Yesterday they duly turned out in smart uniform kit with the England and Wales cricket board crest of a coronet and three tions and for the television interviews they were wore traditional cricket caps.

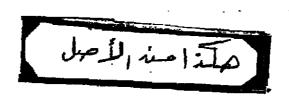
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Blair pledges new

era of dialogue with EU leaders

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR, AND CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

TONY Blair will today promise a fresh start in Britain's relations with Europe, declaring that it will be "dialogue and not was.".

But when he makes his first appearance on the European stage at a special summit of European Union leaders at Noordwijk in The Netherlands, Mr Blair will say that for him the bottom line will always be what is in Britain's interests. And he will give a warning about the direction of the EU, saying that the "elites" are paying too little attention

to ordinary people. "It is a question of Britain first," will be the message that the Prime Minister gives to his fellow leaders. And he will swiftly underline it by making plain that he will not agree to any weakening of Britain's authority over its border controls. He will also make a plea

for a "people's Europe" and pledge to stand in the way of any attempt to create a United States of Europe

With his European colleagues looking for signs that Mr Blair might be ready to compromise, ministers were stressing yesterday that Mr Blair will today be opening a new era of "constructive engagement". He will pledge today that "we intend to end the air of impotence and defeatism which characterised the last government's attitude to Europe".

However, at the gathering which has been called to prepare for the crucial summit at Amsterdam next month, at which a new treaty on the future of the EU is to be signed, Mr Blair intends to leave his colleagues in no doubt that he will be just as tough on specific issues as his

Bonn softens stance on mad cow disease

By Roger Boyes, in Bonn, and Michael Hornsby

GERMANY eased its hardline stance on "mad cow" disease yesterday, conceding for the first time that the transmission of the disease from cow to calf was "very unlikely".

The admission by the Federal Agriculture Ministry does not mean the ban on British beef is about to be lifted but suggests Bonn may be taking a more pragmatic approach to a problem that has bedevilled relations between Britain and the rest of Europe. Fears of maternal transmission of BSE have fuelled demands in the European Union for a more extensive cull of British cartle

at risk that under way. British research suggests that maternal transmission does occasionally occur but Germany.

not often enough to prolong the epidemic or to warrant a more extensive cull. If that is accepted in Bonn, the Government could find it easier to get agreement on relaxing the beef export ban, at least for meat from Northern Ireland, where there has been little

Some 14,000 offspring of cattle originating from Britain or Switzerland have been quarantined in Germany since the discovery of a BSEinfected Galloway cow in Westphalia at the end of last year. The cow was later found to be an import from Britain but confusion over its origin was enough to spark a new wave of mad cow panic in

Conservative predecessors He is to demand legal authority for British frontier controls and its control over immigration and asylum to be written into the Amsterdam treaty. "There is no question of us giving up our border controls.

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Mr Blair will say. The Dutch presidency of the EU, backed by France and Germany, have tabled a treaty text calling for the abolition of national vetoes over asylum and immigration policy three years after the new treaty comes into effect.

Mr Blair's insistence on recognition in the treaty of Britain's stance rather than a series of opt-outs, which Government officials have suggested he does not regard as sufficient, is clearly intended to prove to his fellow leaders that he will be no pushover.

The Prime Minister will also join with leaders from Sweden, Finland, Austria and Ireland to resist strongly Franco-German proposals for the EU to become a potential rival

The arrival of the Labour team, with its promise to "take Britain off the sidelines" and back into EU business, prompted delight across the EU earlier this month. But old anxieties have returned as London has dug in its heels on frontiers, defence, foreign policy and other issues, leading a French diplomat to say "the music has certainly changed. but the words sound rather

Mr Blair yesterday disclosed he will not be ordering the removal of security gates and barriers in Downing Street. He said in a Commons written reply: "Security measures at Downing Street are kept under constant review and our advice is at present they should remain."

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Mo Mowlam, Northern Ireland Secretary, arriving for a Cabinet meeting yesterday

Protestants braced for loss of historic seat of power

By Nicholas Watt, chief ireland correspondent

UNIONISTS were braced last night for the loss of Belfast City Council, the citadel of Protestant power in Ulster. Early results from Wednes-

day's local elections in Northern Ireland showed that Sinn Fein and the Social Democratic and Labour Party had polled strongly throughout Belfast at the expense of

when the final wards are counted. Unionists could lose control of the council they have ruled since the authority. was given its Royal Charter by Queen Victoria in 1888. The result would pave the way for the first nationalist Lord Mayor in the history of Belfast. With 15 of the 51 seats in

Belfast declared last night,

Labour

Continued from page I first day peers and MPs re-turned to Parliament after the

election and has sat since on

His move to Labour came as

a shock to party officials in the Lards, who knew nothing of

the decision. Lord Strathelyde.

Tory opposition Chief Whip in

the Lords, had not been told

about the move either. "It is a

However, Lord Rothermere's decision to sit on the

Labour benches does not come

entirely out of the blue. He has

been hinting at his possible support for many months. He

was quoted yesterday in one of

his newspapers, the London Evening Standard, as saying

that Labour "are carrying out

w many policies I believe in...

in a statement. The Govern-

ment is doing all the things the

last Government should have

done, but lailed to do." His office added: "This is no

more than a statement of approval of how the new

overnment has got off to a

good start. It is really to leave

the door open and see where it

goes. He and other newspa-pers were more than a linte

disillusioned with the last

The spokesman confirmed

that one of the issues Lord.

Rothermere is concerned

about is Britain's strict quar-

antine laws. "He lives in Paris.

he does have pers, and they are

obviously forbidden to come

into this country under the

Covernment.

Through his office, he said

the Labour benches.

surprise." he said.

Sinn Fein's vote had increased by 3.9 per cent. Sydney Elliott, Northern Ireland's leading psephologist, predicted that non-Unionists would win 26 seats and the Unionists would take 25. The two nationalists parties would not have overall control of the council however, because the middle-ofthe road Alliance Party would

hold the balance of power. have huge symbolic impor-tance for Unionism. Londonderry, the other main city council, has been controlled by

nationalists for years. One of the SDLP's gains yesterday came in the Balmoral area of South Belfast, which was a strongly Unionist area until the 1960s. Middle-class Catholics have been moving

Rothermere: worried

by quarantine laws

present legislation. He, with

many dog owners, would like

to see a relaxation of the rules

with the proper tagging and

and The Mail on Sunday backed the Conservatives at

the election, the Evening Stan-

dard supported Tony Blair. Lord Rothermere has direct privately with the Labour leader this year and publicly

praised him in newspaper interviews before the general election. He told the Financial

Times: Tony Blair is a very

capable, very charming, very

ustate man, full of enthusiasm

tor of corporate affairs at

Associated Newspapers, said

of Mr Ducre's editorship of the

Daily Mail that the news-

paper "will continue in the

vem he wishes it to. He is very

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and drive."

Although the Daily Mail

into the area from West Belfast, prompting Protestants to move to outlying areas such as North Down.

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Martin Morgan, a leading member of the SDLP in Belfast, said that he hoped the strong showing by nationalists would end tribal politics in the city. The symbolic posts in this city must be rotated between the two traditions. tribal politics of Unionists being replaced by other tribalism," he said.

Sinn Fein had a strong showing at the general election, increasing its share of the vote to 16 per cent. Gerry Adams, the party president, swept aside the SDLP in West Belfast with a majority of nearly 10,000.

No 10 man to be our envoy in Canberra

By VALERIE ELLIOTT

ALEX ALLAN, Principal Private Secretary in the Prime Minister's office in the most difficult days of John Major's tenure, is to be the High Commissioner in Australia. He will leave Downing Street next month.

His post is to be filled by Jonathan Powell, 40, Tony Blair's Chief of Staff and a former diplomat. It will be the first time a political appointee has held this post at the heart of government. While some Whitehall traditionalists raised their eyebrows, others saw it as a "very positive move". Mr Powell is keeping up a family tradition - his older brother, Sir Charles Powell, was Private Secretary to Margaret Thatcher,

Treasury official, has been at No 10 for more than five years. An Old Harrovian and son of a peer, Lord Allan of Kilmahew, Mr Allan had wanted to return to Australia for some time after being seconded to the High Commission by the Treasury in the early 1990s. He will replace Sir Roger

Carrick, who has completed his three-year term of office.

Nursery vouchers to be scrapped in July

Free nursery places will be available for every four-year-old from September next year, the Government promised yesterday when it announced the abolition of nursery

vouchers.

The £1,100 vouchers will be scrapped at the end of the summer term. David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary said. But some parents who want a private nursery or playgroup place may have to apply for a certificate until free places are agreed.

Mr. Blunkett said that £674 million from the woucher scheme would go directly to local authorities, which will have until next A will be not not able to receive state.

have until next April to set out which providers receive state funding so that they can offer free places.

Counties fight capping

Three county councils said that they would challenge a Three county councils said that they would challenge a decision by John Prescott, the Environment Secretary, to cap their budgets, forcing them to impose swingting cuts on services. Oxfordshire, Somerset and Warwickshire have been given four weeks in which to attempt to persuade Mr Prescott to change his mind. If the county councils fail, they will have to cut £6 million £3.4 million and £2 million respectively from their budgets.

Commons circus act

A part-time circus performer and cycling fanatic aunounced yesterday an attempt to pedal 200 yards along a steel tightrope 50ft to 80ft above the Thames to the House of Commons. If he is successful, Adam Harper would be the first person recorded to make a bicycle tightrope crossing of the river. To add entra "zip" to his feat, he plans to ride a Zike, one of the electronic vehicles that emerged from Sir Clive Sinclair's workshop.

Bullfrog barrier

New laws to crack down on the illegal trade in rare and endangered wildlife are to be introduced, including bigger fines and longer prison sentences for smugglers. The government announcement came as 49 foreign plants and animals were added to the list of those in which trade is controlled. They include the American builfrog and redcared terrapin, which threaten wildlife here, and other species considered to be at risk in their own countries.

Women shooters protest

Leading women day-pigeon shooters, including England internationals, are boycotting the World Beretta Shooting Championships over prize money. About half the women entered withdrew after Beretta offered luxurious prizes for men and a small cash sum for women. The winner will get the use of an Asion Martin for a week and an expensive Swiss watch. The second and third get a watch phis prize money while the ladies champion wins £100.

Lady Tryon goes home

Lady Tryon, right, who broke her back and fractured her skull in a fall . rehabilitation clinic a year ago, has been discharged from hospital. The 49-year-old Australian-born friend of the Prince of Wales, who gave her the nickname Kanga has returned to the family home at Great Durnford, Wiltshire, from Salisbury District Hospital.



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Cot death warning

Babies who sleep on used mattresses are more at risk from cot death, according to a four-year and by by the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow. The danger arises from dirt in old mattresses that might hock holes for ventilation and drainage. Parents of nevertables are advised to buy a new mattress or ensure the old time is covered in clean plastic for each baby. Earlier research has highlighted the risks of smoking and lying a baby on its stomach to sleep.

Big Ben runs out of time

The most famous clock in the world, in Big Ben, is to be stopped for at least two days for "major surgery and possible transplant". Engineers, who have been investigating a problem relating to bearings in the "main going train"—a key part of its mechanism—have decided that it will have to be stopped for a day while they examine the equipment causing the problem. A shaft might have to be removed, and it will take another day to reassemble.

Bark drug's cancer hope

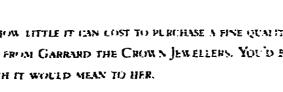


The bank of an African shrub has produced a drug which may be able to starve cancer to death. Combretastatin, made from the bark of the African Bush Willow, above, kills tumours by cuting off their blood supply. In tests at Mount Vernon Hospital, Middlesex, the drug has shown remarkable results, the journal Cancer Research reports. With radiotherapy or chemotherapy the drug may prove a powerful addition to the doctor's armoury.

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Man wins second chance to prevent wife's abortion

A HUSBAND attempting to stop his estranged wife from having an abortion will continue his fight in the appeal court today after earlier fearing the termination might

have already taken place.

James Kelly, 28, from Inverkeithing, Fife, succeeded yesterday in having a temporary ban on the operation reinstated 24 hours after it had. been lifted, only to hear be might have been too late.

As he lodged his appeal yesterday the court was told by lawyers for his wife, Lynne, 21, a cabaret singer, that she might have taken advantage of the one-day delay in proceedings to abort the foetus. Anne Smith, QC, for Mrs Kelly, told the three appeal judges at the Second Division of the Court of Session in Edinburgh that as she spoke the operation might have al-

ready begun.
She told Lord Cullen, the Lord Justice Clerk, sitting with Lords Sutherland and Wylie: "I should advise the court that those instructing me learnt last night from her father that a termination operation was planned for this morning. That operation will either now have taken place or be in the

course of taking place."
The judges decided to reimpose the court ban and a copy was faxed to Edinburgh Royal ... he defied. Infirmary, where the termination was thought to be taking place. It was confirmed later that Mrs Kelly had not ended the pregnancy.

The battle over the baby



Lynne Kelly: thought to have been in hospital

pegan last Thursday when Mr Kelly, a roofer, was granted an emergency interim interdict stopping his wife, who is three months pregnant, from having an abortion. The operation was due to proceed the following day. He is thought to be the first father in Britain to be granted the legal means to delay, even temporarily, an abortion taking place.

The couple had separated two weeks earlier after a short but stormy marriage in which each accused the other of violence and neglecting their 18-month-old daughter, Hazel. In seeking an abortion Mrs Kelly told doctors her husband was violent, something

On Wednesday, after a foll hearing in private, the abor-tion ban was recalled by Lord Eassie at the Court of Session in Edinburgh. He upheld earlier decisions by English

band had no rights in law to interfere with the decision of his wife or her doctors.

Mr Kelly immediately in-structed his solicitors to appeal and at the preliminary hearing yesterday the judgment was overruled and the temporary ban reimposed pending the full appeal today. Brendan Gerard, for the

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, said he was relieved to hear the foctus was alive. He said the case highlighted the need for a tighter abortion law in which there had to be medical reasons for

Mr Kelly is seeking custody of his daughter and the unborn baby, who he insists he wants to bring up himself. He claims his wife gave false information to doctors about his violence and therefore their decision was based on incorrect information. Mrs Kelly strongly disputes that.

Professor Sheila McLean, director of medical law and ethics at the University of Glasgow, expressed surprise over the ban. I will be interested to see on what grounds the husband's appeal has been based," she said, "I expect he will challenge the decision of the doctors, as clearly fathers have no rights in law to intervene."

Wendy Sheehan, Mr Kelly's solicitor, said: 'He is not viewed as having parental rights over a child not yet born. The main legal question therefore is does he have the right to bring the action at



Ice girls fly home after five-day Polar ordeal

BY TIM JONES

FOUR women who endured five days marooned in atrocious weather on a disintegrating Arctic Ocean ice pack arrived back in Britain

The four, part of the first allfemale expedition to the North Pole, had eaten the last of their food and were enduring temperatures of -40C

before a supply plane finally managed to reach them. Rosie Clayton, 37, the Queen Mother's great-niece, was in the party, which had managed to complete its 110-nautical-mile leg of the expedition before the weather

Sarah Jones, 28, Juliette May, 33, and Andre Chadwick, 32, made up the rest of the group for "Penguin Team Delta", one of five teams in the polar relay. They were greeted by family and friends at Heathrow airport, London. Mrs May was met by husband Fred, who has been minding their son Jack. He said: "I have had a two-year-old son to look after so I think we have been expending as many calories as they

Mrs Clayton said: "It is great to be back. It was beautiful out there but it

was hard and tough and such an expedition is by nature frightening." She added: "We were never really worried about our safety because we had been well trained."

Mrs Clayton said she hoped the final group — Zoe Hudson, Lucy Roberts, Pam Oliver and Caroline Hamilton, the expedition leader would become the first all-woman team to reach the Pole.

Cyclist is fined £700 for road rage punch

machine in the path of traffic and punched a woman driver in a fit of "road rage" after she sounded her horn at him, a court was told yesterday.

Anthony Arden, 53, walked up to the open window of a car being driven by Carole Bunce. advertising director of Vanity Fair, and punched her on the right cheek. Her screams of shock alerted two police

Bill Wheeldon, for the pros-ecution at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, central London, said the incident near Hyde Park Corner was the latest of a series of "road rage" cases to reach the court.

The incident had happened when Arden, a property developer, had "cut up" Ms Bunce's car on his bike at traffic lights last April. Ms Bunce hooted her horn and shouted What

are you doing?".

Arden, of Marylebone, pleaded guilty to common assault and was fined £700 and ordered to pay £250 compensation to his victim.

He said he had no idea why he had arracked Ms Bunce but added that he had been taking the anti-depressant drug

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Tarantulas to the eyes

By IAN MURRAY

STROKING a pet tarantula can ruin your eyesight Re-searchers have discovered that the most popular nonpoisonous varieties are covered in hairs that cause chronic eye inflammation, and it can last for years.

Tarantulas are "widely available and easily maintained,"the researchers from Ninewells Hospital in Dundee write in the British Medical Journal. Unfortunately, the popular American varieties have evolved detachable hairs that cause stinging

Two patients who owned Chilean Rose tarantulas had inadvertently transferred the hairs to their eyes after handling the spiders. Despite treatment, their eyes remained inflamed and painful

Royal visit will make history on Internet

By NICK NUTTALL

come the first reigning mon-arch to appear live on the Internet. Images of her openbring tears ing a factory in northeast England will be available on ing a factory in northeast computers around the world. The idea was developed by

Siemens, the electronics com-pany, whose £1.1 billion semiconductor plant on north Tyneside the Queen will be opening A spokesman for Bucking-

ham Palace said yesterday that the Queen considered the Internet an interesting development . . . and she has been kept informed".

The Queen's tour around the factory, which makes chips for computers and semiconductors, will be fed to Siemen's computer in London and from there relayed on the World Wide Web at five frames a

second with sound. James Gardiner, of Demon Internet, which is providing the service for Siemens, said: "The Queen will be able to see herself on the Net. She will visit a training area at the factory where there will be a

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Cambridge classicists fail grade for Latin epigram

THE decline of Classics was blamed yesterday for Cambridge University's decision to withhold an annual award, once won by Coleridge, for the composition of a Latin poem.

Dons had hoped for some lively submissions inspired by this year's chosen theme: Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker. But none of the handful of epigrams they received was deemed good enough to win the Sir William Browne Medal. first given in the 18th

century. Professor James Diggle, a judge and previous winner of odes, again one Latin and one the medal for his 1964 poem on unilateral nuclear disarmament, said: "If you look back to bridge, all three went to one when I was an undergraduate student, Matthew McCullagh when I was an undergraduate a lot more people composed of Trinity College.

Greek and Latin verse But Professor Diggle said the with the gradual reduction in study of Classics at Cam-Greek and Latin taught in bridge had changed in recent schools, they have to spend years to focus more on cultural more of their time on basic and historical areas. To get

Four medals are usually to spend that amount of time awarded every year, two for writing these things." epigrams, one Latin and one Miss Boothroyd comment-

The Times today tries its hand where Cambridge's finest

scholars failed. Our columnist Philip Howard was inspired by the thought of Betty Boothroyd to compose the following epigram: Copia verborum et vis et mala fama Senatum Conturbant? Superest Curia paene, clamas,

Flagitiumne Patrum Conscriptorumque tumultum? Desine Praefectum quaerere. Quaere Deam! Which in translation means: Is the House of Commons in an uproar with excess verbosity and shouting and umparliamentary language? Are you crying at the box that Parliament cannot survive the sleaze and bad behaviour of its MPs? Stop looking for a male Speaker. Send for Betty.

Greek, and two for longer Greek. Although there are 250 classics students at Cam-

language work here and do three out of four metals is not get to the standards of the really quite good going. We

ed: "I'm disappointed that I failed to provide inspiration for the undergraduates of Cambridge, but I wonder if it may have had something to do with the second-class political status of women in ancient

An epigram is a pithy poem, usually of four lines, which conveys an amusing point and has an ingenious turn at the end. The Cambridge judges were looking for one which obeyed strict rules of metre. with non-rhyming couplets in alternating hexameter and pentameter.

Pope hails Augustine as Apostle of English

By Ruth Gledhiil

THE Pope has marked the 1.400th anniversary celebra-tions of the arrival of St Augustine in Britain with a letter to Cardinal Busil Hume. Archbishop of Westminster, in which he prays for unity "without seam or teat".

The letter comes as the Christian community pre-pures for the focal point of the celebrations, a service for pilgrims from all the churches at Canterbury Cathedral on Monday, at which the Prince of Wales will be present and when the Archbishop of Canterhury. Dr George Carey. will preach. On Tuesday, Benedictine monks from Anglican and Roman Catholic monasteries throughout Britain will sing Latin vespers at Canterbury, when Cardinal Hume

The Pope makes clear the importance he is attaching to the celebrations. He describes Augustine us "the Apostle of the English" and says his



David Gamble: "We have no reason to believe the problem is worse than elsewhere"

Church workers betrayed the trust placed in them'

first mainstream denomination to address the issue of sexual harassment of adults

by clergy or lay workers. A working party was set up on the recommendation of the Methodist Church's executive in 1995 because it was felt disciplinary procedures were working party, convened by the Rev David Gamble, received 28 written submissions and 11 oral accounts of harassment. Identities of the victims have been closely guarded. Mr Gamble, family and

personal relationships secretary, said: "We were aware of the issue and felt it was appropriate to find out what the situation is and come up with an effective response. But we have absolutely no reason to believe the problem is worse than anywhere else.

We are simply trying to be at the front of the field in terms of good practice. The Church sets itself up to be a safe place. and that means we have a

duty to make sure that it is so.' The report says that in rare cases reporting an abuse resulted in an immediate and positive response but in many

In an unprecedented move, Methodist leaders have acknowledged that women have been abused by clergy or lay workers, Ruth Gledhill reports

others excuses were given. In one case a counsellor refused to act because he was about to go on holiday. Another was advised: "Say nothing because no-one will believe you and the church people will close ranks against you because the church's reputation is more important than the individ-

harassed for 20 years by a leading figure in the Church is still suffering harassment but refuses to take formal action because of her concerns for the man's family: Another says:
"Who would believe my word, an unknown, young, single laywoman against a well thought of, middle-aged mar-

Many cases grew out of a relationship where the man was in a position of authority, such as a pastoral or counselling relationship in three cases the woman was below or had just reached the age of consent. In one case a full sexual relationship began as soon as the woman reached 16.

women entering the ministry became close to male colleagues and were subjected to unwanted attentions. One male minister told a woman: "If you want to be one of us you will just have to put up with us.

happened after she was accepted for training for the ministry. Soon after I told my minister of my call to the ministry he came to my house telling me he wanted my

"There were things he could not share easily with his wife as she was not interested in them or him. He would like me, he said, to be his confidante Frankly, I was flat-

tered. I was young and, I guess, gullible, and it seemed a great honour."

He began to visit her, greeting her with a hug and a peck on the cheek. "I accepted this as a sign of trust and friend-ship," she said.

But one day he tried to fondle her bottom as she was making coffee. She tried to put it out of her mind. Some time later he drove her to the district synod and on the way home suggested they stopped for a drink. They had a couple of glasses and at her home he followed her in and tried to kiss her. She was too embarrassed to confront him and assumed he would accuse her of leading him on. It never occurred to her to complain.

in the Church of England the Oxford diocese has published guidelines for clergy on how to avoid being compromised in situations of pastoral Church of England and Wales, pastoral and procedur-al guidelines were published in 1994 on how to deal with allegations of child abuse against clergy, starting from the premise that the allega-

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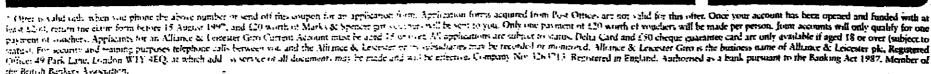
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The pews causing consternation among parishioners

Cranmer church falling between chairs and pews

REVOLUTIONARY thinking worthy of Thomas Cranmer. a former rector, is sweeping through an 800year-old church in Hereford and Worcester. And not all

the congregation is being swept along with it. St Giles Church at Bredon. where Crammer, the first Protstant Archbishop of Canterbury, took up his first humble post, is considering ripping out 19th century oak pews and replacing them with more comfortable chairs.

Cranmer, who went on to compile the First Prayer Book and was responsible for declaring four of Henry VIII's marriages invalid, fell out of favour in the reign of Mary I and was biand as a hereic. The reaction in Bredon to the possible fate of the pews may not be quite as harsh, but shioners camot disguise their disgust

Ruth Hall, chairman of the Friends of St Giles, said: "I an not in favour of this suggestion at all. The pews are pretty special and I certainly don't approve of replac-

ing them with chairs." The problem arose when it became evident that a 30-seat section of pews would have to be removed to replace their rotting plinths. A parochial church council sub-committee possibility of taking out the rest of the pews, which can seat up to 230 people, and replacing them with chairs.

churchwarden who spoke out against the plan at a village meeting two weeks ago, said yesterday that 115 people had telephoned with their support. Miss Dyer, 72, who has more than 50 years, said: "Only 15 have phoned to say they think the chairs would be a good idea. I don't think the church should be throwing out perfectly good pews. They date back to at least 1827 and the ends are carved with very decorative patterns."

However, Derrick Grainger, the church organist and chairman of Bredon Parish Council, said: "Over the years, the church has evolved its style to suit the period and maybe it's time for this to ippen again."

Canon John Ridout, the vicar, said a number of parishioners had approached him with the suggestion: "All churches change interiors to accommodate the congrega-

tion as the years pass."
He added: "The matter is being discussed by the parochial church council but I think the way we reach our decision will be more imporwas set up to look into the tant than the decision itself."



Canon John Ridout, vicar of St Giles Church in Bredon, where Thomas Cranmer served as rector

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Island romance that ended in a death sentence

FOR the briefest of moments as Janette Pink began her testimony in a Cyprus courtroom yesterday, she stole asidelong glance at the man she once loved, who sat barely ten yards away. As he fidgeted with his green T-shirt, advertising one of his favourite drinking haunts on the island. she narrowed her eyes and

quickly looked away. Pavios Georgion, 40, had been brought on a judge's orders from an Aids hospital ward a mile away, where he had admitted himself hours. before standing trial in Larnaca accused of infecting his British lover with Aids.

For the next two hours, as the divorced mother of two recounted how their affair had begun in 1994, she avoided looking across at the dock where at times Mr Georgiou was barely visible as he slouched low in his chair,

Her black and white print dress hung limply from her emaciated body as she described in detail how their friendship, which begun after she moved to the holiday island after her divorce in 1993, turned from a love affair

Never once did she lose her composure as she admitted her naivety at having unpro-tected sex with Mr Georgiou and how, after being diag-nosed as HIV, she became pregnant by him and had an abortion. Asked by Maria Malachatou, the chief prosecutor, why she had not used a condom, she said: "We were not two youngsters having lots Georgiou's youngest son, Ra-

on the British divorcée and mother of two accusing a Cypriot fisherman of infecting her with Aids

Daniel McGrory reports from Larnaca

a termination, fearful her

child would be infected or that

She was caring for Mr

Georgiou's four children but

grew too weak from the illness

to cook and clean for him. She

described being frightened of

his violent temper and his

assaults on his children, and

moved back to her apartment.

As her weight dropped to less

than five stones she returned

to Britain and began her

campaign to prosecute Mr Georgiou. The knowledge of

what Pavios had actually done

to me sunk in and I felt

something should be done

The case continues

about it."

enough to care for it.

us. We had both been in the virus. She decided to have marriages with children for 20 years, so it did not enter into

Friends on the island rold her of a newspaper article which suggested Mr Georgiou's wife. Martha, was dying of Aids. "He said it was lies because people were jeal-ous of him." He showed her a life insurance policy that he had just taken out as proof be did not have Aids.

Mrs Pink was persuaded by friends to have an Aids test in March 1994, which proved negative. Later that summer Mr Georgiou's 34-year-old wife died in London. A test in Nicosia in October 1994 proved she was infected.

"i told Pavlos. I know Martha died of Aids, I know you are HIV and I know you have infected me'. I asked him why he did not tell me. He did not have an answer. He did not apologise."

She explained why she decided to stay with him in the resort of Ayia Napa rather than return home to her parents in Basildon, Essex. "It made sense if we were both infected to stay together. I loved him."

In January 1996 she discovered she was pregnant. By now she knew that Mr



Diana with Jemima Khan and her son Sulaiman. The princess is helping raise £17 million for cancer treatment

Diana flies to Pakistan to aid Khan hospital

DIANA. Princess of Wales arrived in Pakistan yesterday to help raise money for her friend Imran Khan's cancer hospital for the poor.

The Princess stayed cool in the 104 degree heat with traditional outfits. She stepped from billionaire financier Sir James Goldsmith's private Boeing 757 in a powder-blue shalwar kameez, then changed to tur-quoise and kingfisher blue. The Princess arrived at Lahore with former Pakistan cricket captain Imran's British-born wife Jemima — Sir James's daughter — and the Khans' six-month-old son Sulaiman. After changing. Diana was driven with Jemima to Imran's cancer hospital for the main business of the day: a fundraising lunch of lamb and chicken at £750 a head - with 60 of Lahore's richest VIPs. Imran has enlisted the Princess's help to launch a new £17 million endowment appeal to secure ong-term finance for the free

Teacher disciplined for prom night kiss

BY A STAFF REPORTER

has been disciplined after allegedly accepting a kiss from

Jane Wardman, head of languages at Prince Henry's Grammar School in Otley. west Yorkshire, will, however. be allowed to return to her post at the comprehensive school after appearing before the governing body's disciplinary sub-committee.

Mrs Wardman has been on sick leave for nearly 12 months after the party at the Craiglands Hotel in Ilkley. Students at the sixth-form leaving prom said a male sixth-former who seemed the worse the wear for drink gave

her a peck on the cheek. A former pupil who was at the party said: "I didn't see

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A MARRIED French teacher what happened, but we later found out that one of the lads, who was drink, had kissed Mrs Wardman on the cheek. I think the whole thing has been blown out of all proportion."
The student anvolved has not

> been namet The school governors issued a short statement which read: "A hearing has taken place before a panel of the school's governing body to consider Mrs Wardman's professional conduct and her health.

"Details of the hearing are confidential between the panel and Mrs Wardman but the outcome of the hearing is that Mrs Wardman will resume her duties as soon as possible. The governing body have no further comment to make."

Michael Franklin, the school's head teacher, said: In view of the fact that the governing body's disciplinary sub-committee has met and made a decision, it would be mappropriate for me to say anything else."

went on: He Wardman has been on sick leave and continues to be on position to comment upon any other aspects of the matter."

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Tension and excitement can affect the vulnerable

Thomas Hemming had open-heart surgery in infancy to correct a congenital heart condition known as transposition of the great vessels.

The basic problem is that the aurta risés directly from the right ventricle and the pulmonary artery from the left; in the normal person, the reverse applies. As a result of the abnormality, unoxygenated blood is directed around the body and the tissues are starved of oxygen, the majority of the oxygenated blood going back to the lungs. Sufferers become so dangerously breathless that they are perpetually cyanosed (blue). Normal development is impossible because all the tis-sues are deprived of the essential oxygen.

gives these children the opportunity to live normal lives. although the final degree of success of the operation depends on how many, if any. other congenital abnormalities associated with the transposition are present. The site of the trouble, near the conducting pathways of the heart, is one reason why children who have had trans**VI**EDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

position of the great vessels may later, even if they have had successful surgery, suffer irregularities of the rhythm of the heart and even heart block. Complete heart block can cause dizziness, fainting or acute heart failure. Any of these symptoms could result in an accident. The answer in Thomas's case may never be fully revealed, but careful examination of the heart may give some clues as to what happened. It is perhaps noteworthy that Thomas was found to have a cardiac arrhythmia when examined in hospital last year, although 24-hour monitoring failed to

demonstrate any serious cause for the arrhythmia. It could be that the heart attack was precipitated by the history exam. Excitement, or any emotional tension, frequently triggers an irregular action of the heart in a vulnerable patient. However. parents can be confident that, although taking examina-tions is stressful, they will not cause heart attacks in children without underlying Thanks to modern surgery

Thomas Hemming survived killed the majority of babies born with it. The few survivors from childhood used to die as teenagers, baving had an invalid life. Now the majority of patients are able to live normal lives play games, as Thomas did. and take part in all other activities. It is possible that Thomas was one of the uniucky few who later develop potentially fatal cardiac arrhythmia.

Schoolboy dies of heart attack after taking GCSE exam

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A SCHOOLBOY died from a heart attack 20 minutes after finishing a GCSE history examination, it was disclosed vecterday. Thomas Hem-ming, lb, had had successful surgery for a heart condition

He had ridden his new moped through the gates at Wymondham High School in Wymondham, Norlolk, on Tuesday when he lost control and crashed into a wall. Paramedies were unable to revive him and police at first treated his death as a road accident. But a post-mortem showed he had suffered no serious injuries and had died of a heart attack.

The teenager, who was sitting nine GCSEs, started his exams on Monday with geography. He died after

sitting his second exam, the Wiminute history paper. Roselies Hemming his grandmother, said yesterday

A trial of a new cholesterof-lowering drug in heart disease patients has been halted because so many lives were being saved it would have been unethical to continue giving dummy pills to other patients in the study. It involved more than 9,000 men and women, aged 31-75, in Australia and New Zealand who had previ-ously had a heart attack or who had had hospital treatment for unstable angina. Exact figures of

that Thomas had waved goodbye to friends before setting off to ride the six miles home to Colton, near Norwich, where he lived with his parents, Martin and Judith, both 40, and sister Laura. 14. She added: "His friend told

lives saved in the trial of

pravastatin will be known

later this year.

road perfectly well and not fooling around in any way. He certainly was not racing. Then he lost control and hit a wall. He tried to stand up, but collapsed. A lot of children saw what happened and were

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very distressed.
The stress of the exam might have contributed, but Thomas was very confident and did not seem worried about his GCSEs. He had worked hard and expected to do quite well. He was a happy-go-lucky youngster who did not suffer from anxiety. He certainly did not work himself to death." Thomas was born with the

two main arteries to his heart transposed and had openheart surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in London when he was nine months old. Doctors were confident he should lead a normal life. A slightly irregular heartbeat was de-



Thomas Hemming, who was described by his father as fit as a fiddle and the life and soul of any party

a monitor for a day. However. doctors said there was no

cause for concern. Mr Hemming said: "He was as fit as a fiddle after he had his heart operation as a baby. He was the life and soul of any party and was a very

popular lad with loads of friends. He was very easy-going and never showed he was under any stress. He was a bright lad and had done some work for his exams but he never worried about them. I just think that he could have

Satellite dish puts the lid on soggy microwave pies

THE feeland frozen food chain has used satellite tech-

nology to produce a pie that emerges from the microwave

oven with crisp pastry.
The 99p pie has a special lid and tray with antennae that reflect and deflect the microwave oven's rays, so that the pastry crisps and browns instead of becoming soggy as the

pie heats up within.
Tested against traditionally cooked pies, the chicken and vegetable recipe surprised crit-ics who believed that micro-Advertised promotions

Asda: sirloin steak £7.95 a kg. oven/fry chips 85p for 907g, garlic mushroom pizza 99p for 400g, cauliflower/broccoli florets with free cheese sauce mix 89p for 400g. Budgens: topside, silverside

or top rump £4.39 a kg. French mayonnaise 74p for 500ml. large white baps 39p for four. Carte d'Or ice cream £1.99 a Co-op (CWS); park and leek sausages £1.29 a lb, natural cottage cheese 59p for 227g, medium-roast coffee granules

99p for 100g, orange-flavour loilies E1.23 for ten. Harrods ox tongue £1.29 for 100g, Basturma salami £8.99 for 100g, BLT baguette £1.99. Iceland: minted lamb cutlets El.99 for eight, Chinese-style chicken breasts £1.99 for two,

hash browns 69p for 680g, cappuccino gateau £1.49 for 400g. Kwik-Save: Ribena £1.35 for

600ml, Typhoo teabags £1.55 for 80, I Can't Believe It's Not Butter 85p for 500g, Oakdale raspberry mini-rolls 38p for

Marks & Spencer: reducedfat coronation chicken £1.99. prawns with scallops £1.90, tomato and aubergine layer £2.29, peach water 99p for 4ltr. Neapolitan soft-scoop ice cream £1.09. Morrisons: frying steak £1.89

a lb, brisket £1.39 a lb, breaded haddock £1.59 for 400g, cherry tomatoes 99p for 400g. cantaloup melon 99p each. salmon £5.99 for 450g, chicken madras, korma, passanda or tikka masala £2.99 for 340g with free pilau rice, Jersey Royal new potatoes 29p a lb, cherries £1.99 a lb.

Sainsbury's: chicken E4.25 for four (510g), fresh salmon steaks E7.95 a kg. breaded cod £2.49 for six portions (600g), large eggs £1.99 for 20.

Somerfield: pork boneless spare rib steaks £2.68 a kg. tomatoes 74p for 750g, mixed peppers 99p a lb, red potatoes 99p for 2.5kg, mango 69p. Tesco: lamb loin chops £9.59 a kg, tima loin £4.95 a lb, whole prawns 59p a 4lb, cauliflower 55p each, closed-cup mush-

rooms 99p a lb. Waitrose mini Melton Mow-bray pork pies El.35 for six, quiche lorraine £2.79 for 600g, blended olive oil £2.19 for 500ml. Florida pink grapefruit

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were strapped in for take-off. BBC apologises

The BBC made a public apology in the High Court to the Outward Bound Trust over allegations on Radio 4 that the educational charity had employed paedophiles and child abusers.

Rafting death A student died after his white-

water raft capsized at the National Water Sports Centre at Holme Pierrepont. near Nottingham. The 3i-year-old, from Norwich, was rafting on the slalom course. Chainstore fined

Laura Ashley was fined £3,500 by magistrates yesterday after admitting nine charges of placing misleading prices on products in its stores in Kings Lynn and Norwich, Norfolk.

£13,800 teddy

A teddy bear rescued from a house clearance in Newcastle upon Tyne in 1923 was sold for £13,800 by Christie's in London. The rare black bear. made by Steiff, went to a collector in Florida.

New you can believe your eyes

Food and drinks firms accused over sugar-free claims Dr Winkler said that he vernoemed about

ALMOST half the claims for a sugar-free food and drink are false and their labels often "irrelevant, irresponsible, illegal or illegible", a conference

was told yesterday.
Analysis of more than 1,400 products by Action and Information on Sugars — a volun-tary group of health profes-sionals — found that misleading information about sugar levels was common on

supermarket shelves.
Jack Winkler, the group's chairman, said: "According to the last national survey of eating habits, people need to cut their intake of sugars by 30 per cent, but manufacturers are making it hard for them by

disguising sugar levels."
He told the group's confer ence in London: "Many labels are irrelevant, irresponsible, illegal or illegible. Labelling practice was like a pair of fishnet tights: "It gives the appearance of full coverage but is actually full of holes."

He said that the group had found more than 80 products that broke the law by claiming low sugar levels without specifying them, including 7Up from Britvic, Oasis from Coca-Cola Schweppes and Del Monte's canned fruits.

The report discovered 280 other products with legal but misleading claims, such as "no added sugar" on goods containing high levels of sug-



One of 80 products said to break label laws

ary concentrates. The authors of the report picked out Ribena soft drinks. Waitrose jams, baby products such as Liga rusks and St Ivel fromage frais as particular offenders.

The group's researchers say the levels of sugar lurking under the labels varied widely. The "sugar-free" declaration on Wrigley's Orbit Gum was accurate but the same claim on Safeway's Instant Custard Mix disguised 26 grams of sugar. "No added sugar" on Asda's Swiss Style Muesli meant 1.3 grams of sugar and on Safeway's Wholewheat cereal it represented 28 grams.

also concerned about the growth of "high energy" drinks, supposedly linked to increased sporting performance, which he said were simply drinks with a lot of sugar in them. "Unsubstantiated claims exploit the aspira-

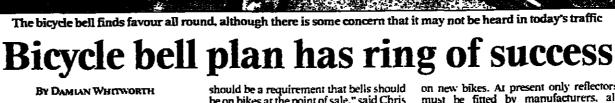
tions of young consumers."

He said that the group
would be lobbying the Ministry of Agriculture and the nascent Food Standards Agency for a legal definition of sugar and financial penalties for transgressors. Britvic and Coca-Cola

Schweppes referred queries on their sugar claims to the British Soft Drinks Association. An association spokeswoman said: "All ingredients on our products are strictly regulated by the Government and must be clearly detailed on the ingredients panel. Whenever a new product is launched, the drinks companies consult closely with trading standards officers to make sure that the labels meet legislative requirements."

Quaker Oats called for a

change in the law to let it claim on packets that porridge helps to prevent heart disease. It complained at a Royal Society of Medicine seminar on food labelling that it was restricted to saying oats could reduce blood cholesterol. Consumers needed to know that lower blood cholesterol was good for



PEDESTRIANS and cyclists yesterday welcomed the Government's announcement that it was urgently considering making bells a compulsory fitment on bicycles.

Baroness Hayman, the Roads Minister, said she was aware that there was widespread support for the mandatory fitment of bells and was "looking at the issue as a matter of priority". It is understood it would not be illegal to ride a bicycle without a bell, but that machines would have to be sold with a bell fitted. "We have been encouraging that it

be on bikes at the point of sale." said Chris Juden, technical officer of the Cyclists' Touring Club. Often bikes come with a bell and the shops don't bother fitting them. Once they are on few people would take them off. But we don't regard bells as a big safety issue. I don't think a pedestrian has ever been saved by a bell. They are more useful for making journeys

quicker for cyclists." However, the Pedestrians' Association said bells would be very welcome and especially useful for the blind.

Mr Juden added that the touring club would also like lights made compulsory

must be fitted by manufacturers, although it is illegal to ride at night without lights. Flashing lights are also illegal and can incur a fine, although this might

The Royal Society for the Prevention of

Accidents said it tentatively welcomed the move, "but we would like to see some research done into what is the best form of warning signal in today's traffic noise." Many cyclists favour a blast on a whistle.

A spokesman for the Department of Transport said: "We have the best road

safety record in the world so we must be

doing something right."

Bus passenger

By Paul WILKINSON

loses fare fight

A PROFESSOR who attempted to sue his local bus company for the price of a taxi ride he was forced to take because its bus failed to turn up lost his

Dr Robert Stanton, 77, who helped to pioneer the development of the meat substitute Ouom, sued the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive for his £2.80 fare home

The Professor of Botany, who lectured at the University of Malaya for eight years, said he had been left stranded by the mini-bus service introduced between Haworth and his home village of Stanbury while a road was closed due to strengthening work on a bridge. The transport execurive said it was not responsible for Calder Coaches, which ran the link. At a hearing held

in private at Leeds County Court the judge found in favour of the executive after hearing that Dr Stanton had been away on holiday at the time it advertised the alternarive bus times for the route.

Speaking outside the court, Dr Stanton said: "I have lost because the bus company has no statutory duty to the customer. I am convinced the bus traveller is seen as a secondclass citizen in this country. I tried to point out to them today that Switzerland and Singapore both have excellent bus stems and it was about time

Britain caught up. Dr Stanton, who is also an expert in agriculture, horticulture and microbiogenetics, added: "They have not won the moral argument. I hope someone younger will bring a similar claim.

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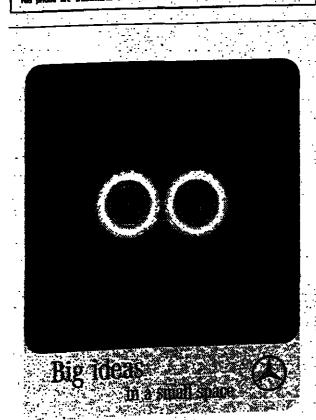
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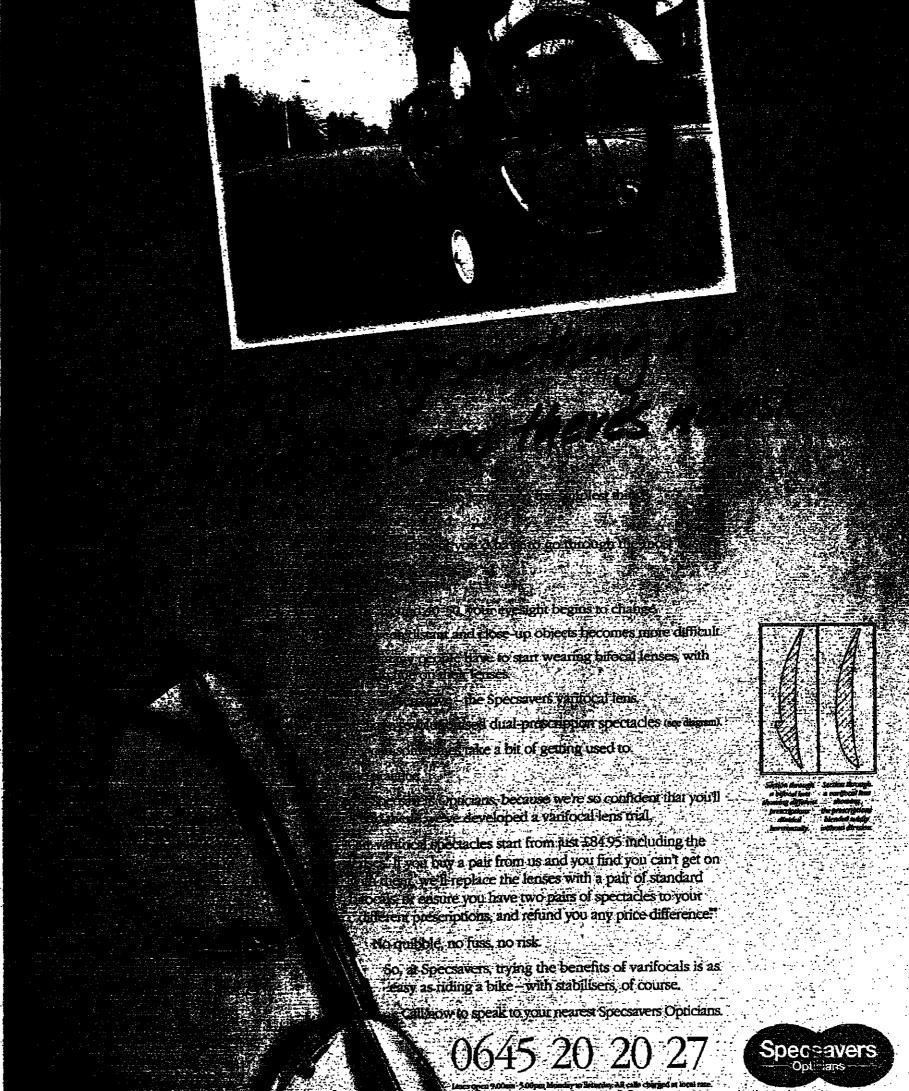
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Dobson diverts £100m from managers to bolster NHS care

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

FRANK DOBSON pledged immediate action yesterday to cut £100 million from NHS bureaucracy and spend it on breast cancer treatment and reducing waiting lists, after pronouncing himself "aghast" at the crisis facing the service.

The Health Secretary said the number on waiting lists was 100,000 higher than a year ago, that there was a shortage of nurses and doctors in some specialties and that a quarter of trusts and a third of health authorities were in delicit at the end of the financial year.

"Our inheritance is very poor," he said. "The figures show an increase in waiting times since the last quarter's figures, which were themselves a record high.

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Dobson: "aghast" at

ty bad. But I can only say the more we discover the more we

exaggerating."
He has deferred agreement for 1,000 GPs to become fundholders, saving £20 million. To save another £80 million, he has instructed the eight regional offices of the NHS executive and authorities in Wales and Scotland to agree budget reductions by the

end of next month. "I have also announced a programme of measures to stem the seemingly endless flow of invoices for just about every clinical procedure you can think of," he said. "It may be that some staff will lose their jobs but it is also likely that it will be done, at least in part, from jobs not being

The £100 million represents just over a day's spending on the NHS, Mr Dobson is asking the NHS executive to examine scope for further reductions in bureaucracy next year and in the future.

He condemned fundholding for creating a two-tier system. However, there might be some elements of it which were useful and there would be pilot studies to find out what the best system would be in future. The last thing we want is another reorganisation followed by another reorganisation to put right the things which were wrong with Baroness Jay of Paddington,

the minister in charge of the

HOW HEALTH SERVICE SHAPES UP

The total number of patients waiting to be admitted to NHS hospitals in England at the end of March rose by 59.400 (5.4 per cent) from the previous quarter to 1.164.000 The number of patients waiting more than one year rose by 9,200 to 31,000 over the quarter

There are now 155 patients waiting for longer than the 18-month maximum period in the Patient's Charter Hospital bed numbers have fallen from 540,000 in 1961 to 300,000 in 1993 — although advances in medical science and technology mean the NHS does not require so many

beds for patients for long periods
Nurse numbers have fallen from 405,000 in 1989 to 350,000 in 1994. An NHS spokesman said the training of nurses had altered drastically since 1990 and, under a system called Project 2000, trainee nurses spend longer in the classroom and less time on the wards

■ Numbers of senior managers are up from 4,600 in 1989 The number of GPs in England rose by 9 per cent between 1986 and 1996 (26,259 to 28,937) while women GPs

increased from 22 per cent to 32 per cent Half of all trainees are now female, the number of trainees fell by 21 per cent over the decade

breast cancer programme, said £10 million would be used to cut delays between referrals and appointments. A new system could be in place within a month.

'We want to speed up the process of a doctor identifying possible lump and then having it seen and screened by the experts at a local level. Hospital statistics show that half of the cancer patients waited more than two weeks for admission."

She said that work on reducing waiting times for other treatment could not go ahead quickly because of the continuing deterioration in hospital lists. "There is no

magic wand to put this right. We will tackle the stop-go cycle of health authorities curtailing non-emergency admissions towards the end of the financial year, pushing up waiting lists, and the sheer unfairness of some patients waiting longer than others simply because their GP fundholder has

money in the kitty." The British Medical Association, which wants an extra El billion a year spent on the NHS for the next five years. gave the plans a cautious welcome. Sandy Macara, the BMA chairman, said it would be unwise to expect major savings and added that the new Ministry for Public dermined if public health doctors become the victims of a wrongly directed drive against

management spending. The scale of the problem cannot be addressed adequately simply by rerouting funds at the margin," he said.

The NHS Confederation. which represents all trusts. said it was in favour of reducing bureaucracy, "but it must not be at the expense of high quality managers in a £40 bil-

lion-a-year service". Stephen Dorrell, the last Conservative Health Secretary, defended the Tories record on waiting lists. The trend has actually been downwards for

long waits," he said. He said that the health service had to change all the time and, while that process had been under way over the past few years, it was essential that it continued: "The omens for that are not very good as the Government has put a further moratorium on change in the London hospitals until it comes up with a policy."

Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrat health spokesman, said that urgent action was needed because the figures showed there had been a sixfold increase in waiting lists in the past year.

"Extra cash is needed if the NHS is to continue a comprehensive service," he said. "Labour are clutching at fig leaves to disguise their bleak spending plans. They have gone silent on their pledge to take 100,000 off waiting lists. Things are set to get worse."



Nurse Laura Hocken yesterday: "I have been called every expletive possible"

Fear and violence: my typical night in casualty

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A NURSE gave a graphic account of life on a casualty ward to a conference on hospital violence yesterday, saying she lelt constantly threatened and in fear of

Staff Nurse Laura Hocken, 28, said her worst fears were realised during an exhausting shift on New Year's Eve last year at the accident and emergency de-partment of Royal Sussex County Hospital in

Brighton. I came on duty at 9.15pm to an already chaotic department, with trolleys in corridors, ambulances arriving patients and relatives demanding to know how long they would have to wait.

By midnight the waiting area was standing room only and looked like a nightclub at closing time. There were people prostrate on chairs. dripping blood, shouting, arguing and vomiting. The nurse on reception was being subjected to a constant barrage of abuse.

By 2.30am she was in tears and saying she couldn't take any more. She had been treating a man with lacerations and had had to apply a dressing, causing him some pain. This led him to

scream disgusting and highly personal remarks. "At this point the man fainted and his mother-in-law went mad. She started shouting for witnesses and was screaming that all the nurses did was chat and drink tea. She triggered mayhem. Everyone was shouting and screaming. I expected a riot at any

minute. "I went to help the man but as I bent over him he started screaming again. His mother-in-law came over, grabbed hold of my wrist and threatened to kill me if I didn't leave him

Then around 5am a 30 year-old man was brought in. He was extremely drunk and we put him into a. cubicle to be examined.
Within minutes he was out and shooting and then rain-back in and was stood on the hed rattling the sides.

"I was worried he was going to lose his balance, so tried to calm him by putting my hand on his back. He turned his head and stared, at me and then threw him-

me. I picked myself up and he tried to punch me in the

face, instead hitting another nurse across the back of the head. The police came and arrested him for being draink and disorderly but when I tried to make a complaint the policewoman told me it wasn't worth the

paper it was written on.
"I drove home the 15 miles that morning and cried all the way. I just had soft tissue injuries and bruising but it could have been a lot worse. "Since then I have been

threatened on two occasions with physical violence. I've been called every obscenity and expletive possible. We are just trying to do our job. vuinerable target."

The conference, organised by the Royal College of Nursing, was told that re-corded incidents of violence against nursing staff had tripled in the past four years and three-quarters of the victims now felt afraid at

Mark Jenkins, registrar at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast, who organised a national survey, said doctors, consultants and nurses self at me.

"I fell crashing back onto security in nospective floor and he fell on top of more co-operation from police, who often chose to police, who often chose to incidents in casualty. had called for increased









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By RICHARD FORD

A SHARP drop in price has established heroin as the most

fashionable drug in Britain. A kilogram costs £16,000

against £32,000 for cocaine.

which is losing popularity among the "smart" set. Drug squad officers have

been alarmed at the speed with which the price of heroin has dropped on the streets of

London from £100 to £60 a gram — the average daily dose — as the drug has flooded in from Turkey during the past

Scotland Yard believes that

members of the Turkish com-

munity in north London are behind the burgeoning im-ports. Those involved have

been legally resident in Brit-

Detective Inspector Peter Scott said that heroin was now

used by people from all social

backgrounds. "We are talking

about so many people who have got so many different

needs and desires. Because it

is more easily available it has become a more fashionable

drug." Users generally started by smoking heroin but changed to injections when

they became addicted, he said.

had made it much easier to

smuggle heroin, Mr Scott added. It is often brought in

along long-distance lorry routes: more than 470kg

seized last year is believed to

made their biggest seizure: the 250kg cache was kept in a warehouse at Hornsey, north London. Last year two officers on foot patrol discovered 25kg being carried in a holdall by a

Turkish man on the Broadwater Farm estate in

have arrived in this way. Last month customs officers

The conflict in the Balkans

ain for some years.

An outburst by the President after an overdose death has prompted soul-searching among style gurus

Britain's fashion elite rejects blame for 'heroin chic'

BY GRACE BRADBERRY, STYLE EDITOR

day. They also denied promot-

ing drug culture.
The President had accused the American fashion industry of glorifying drug addiction by using such images in major advertising campaigns. The "heroin chie" look originated in British magazines such as i-D and The Face in the early

The President's speech was drugs roompted by the death from a Yesterday Edward Enninguage overdose of Davide ful, the fashion editor of i-D. prompted by the death from a drug overdose of Davide Sorrenti, a 20-year-old fashion photographer, who special-ised in pictures of emaciated models slumped in bath-rooms. Sourent's mother, Francesca, herself a wellknown photographer, last Dazed and Confused, agreed: month sent an open letter to "Once President Clinton has magazine editors and advertisers in America and Europe_ saying: "Heroin chic isn't that. what we are projecting, it's what we are. Our business has become heroin chic."

Critics in America point to the high-profile advertising campaigns of Calvin Klein, which feature pale, androgy-

ous models. as Corinne Day pioneered the bare-faced waif look at the

THE gurus of British fashion promoting the look. "I think work inspired photographers responded yesterday to an London has a much bigger and advertising directors attack by President Chings on problem with heroin than worldwide. Theroin chie by saying that New York, she recently told through a spokeswoman, shots of hollow-eyed wasted. The Sunday Times. "And I Day said: My photography is young models had had their think all this London is hip a pure image of a model, the standard through th thing has made that scene

very influential."
But British fashion editors and photographers deny that they ever produce photo-graphs that could be construed as "heroin chic". They acknowledge that a realistic style dominated magazines at the start of the Nineties but insist it had nothing to do with

said: "The funny thing for me is that this whole thing hap-pened in the early Nineties people here are going back to

Jefferson Hack, the editor of picked up on it you can be sure fashion has moved on from

"I think his reaction was

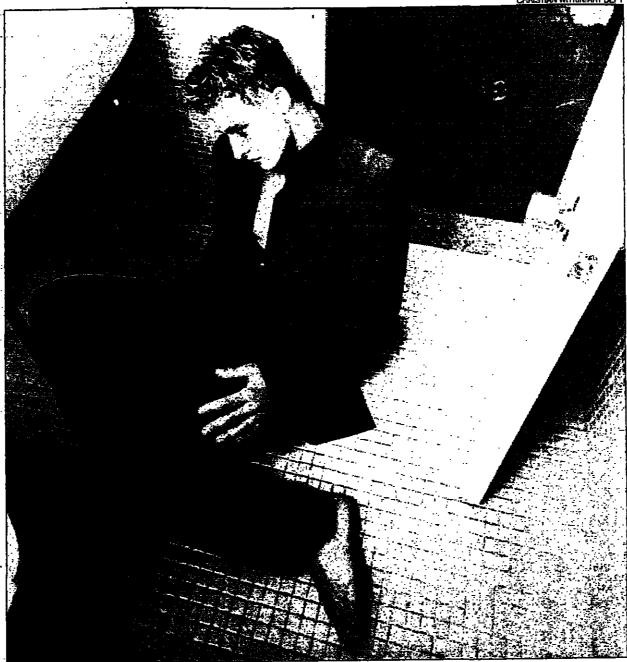
against American magazines. British fashion photographers were dealing with real people and real situations but it had nothing to do with heroin." British photographers such

Day said: My photography is a pure image of a model, usually a friend of mine, photographed without make-up or lighting, sometimes whilst blinking," she said, "If these images are interpreted in any other way I only hope it will bring the issue of drugs to

The suggestion of drug-taking became more graphic when American magazines added darkened eyes and pellucid skin to the British style and set the pictures in bathrooms. Editors argued that it provided an antidote to glossy perfection.

Despite sympathy for Mrs Sorrenti, British fashion insiders feel that the spotlight should be on America. A recent issue of Detour magazine featured photographs by Christian Witkin of a model lying on a bathroom floor. apparently drugged. The actress Juliette Lewis complained that it was a deliberate "junkie lay-out".

Fashion insiders yesterday said that rock music was the real cultorit. But as one fashion journalist conceded: "Fashion photography takes a



One of the shots by Christian Witkin, published in an American magazine, which critics claim glamorise drug abuse

Clinton's homily on drugs offers American analysts a quick fix

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

YOU do not have to be an avuncular President to set an agenda in America, nor even a particularly moral one. Just being the President

Bill Clinton has spoken out this week on two of America's perennial obsessions — drugs and fashion — glamorise addiction to sell clothes." and, suddenly, nobody, can talk Mr Clinton continued, in a pas-

about anything else. "Heroin chic" has swept to the top of the nation's blather-boards as analysts, leadergurus scramble to respond to the presidential homily.

Mr Clinton accused the American

fashion industry of making heroin seem "glamorous, sexy and cool", adding: You do not need to Mr Clinton continued, in a pas-

sage that should earn his speechwriter a stack of brownie points: "American fashion has been writers, politicians and fashion an enormous source of creativity and beauty and art and, frankly, economic prosperity for the United States. We should all value and

> "But the glorification of heroin is not creative, it's destructive. It's not beautiful, it's ugly. This is not about art, it's about life and death. And

glorifying death is not good for

The seeds of this outpouring can be found in an article in The New York Times, about the death of a photographer who did little else but picture drug-dazed models, which "gophers" had clipped to the Presi-dential bedtime reading file.

The problem, however, is that "heroin chic" has, to put it bluntly, gone right out of fashion in Ameri-

wholesome, drug-free appearance. Designers now have little time for the etiolated, "syringe-jabber's look", and parents of young children across America are grateful for that. Critics attribute the demise of

"heroin chic" to a simple factor: it had ceased to sell. Michael Gross, author of Model: The Ugly Business of Beautiful Women, said: "Fashion doesn't care what message it is

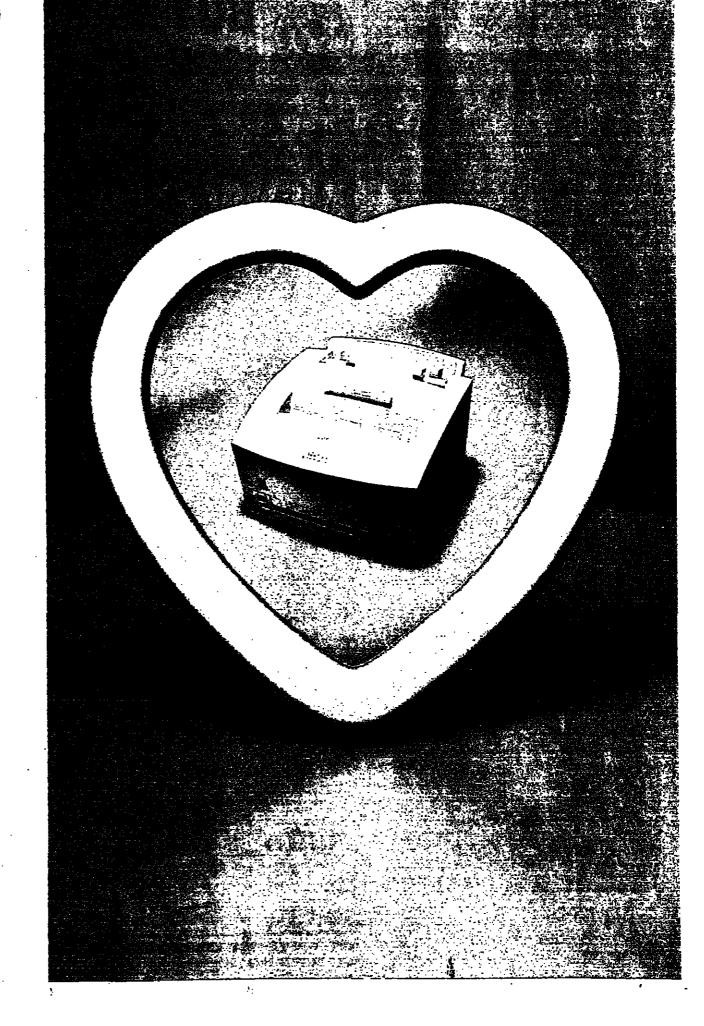
sells frocks. The point is not to addict them to heroin. The point is to addict them to clothing."

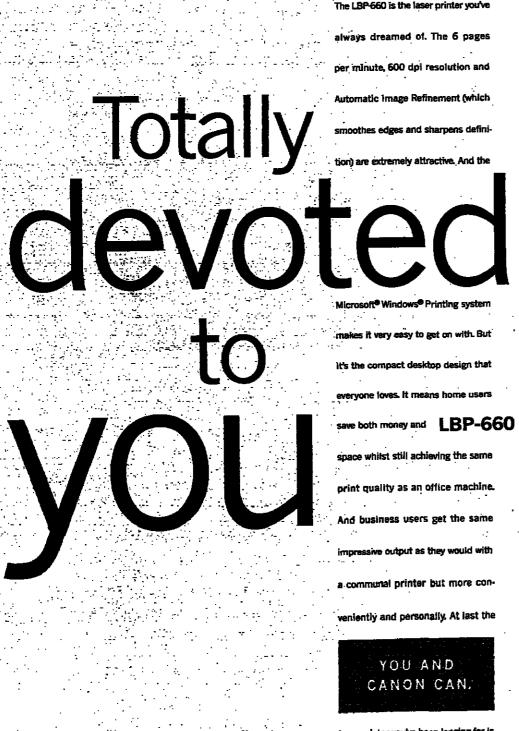
The consensus is that Mr Clinton has stated the obvious. "The glorification of heroin is a bad thing." Charles Grandee, associate editor of Vogue, said. "Who would disagree?" But when the President say something, America listens. "Heroin chic" is bad. Y'all hear that now?

ca. "Happy" ads are now in, as is a sending out as long as the message

The number of drug traf-ficking offences detected in the capital last year rose 20 per cent to 3,785. Nearly 24,000 drug possession offences were detected and there were 27,224

Tottenham.





Redwood joins attack on Major's record

Andrew Pierce sees the leadership contenders pick holes in the Tory

party's disastrous election campaign

JOHN MAJOR'S leadership of the Conservatives became the focus of the campaign to succeed him yesterday when John Redwood became the second contender in 24 hours to criticise his record.

Mr Redwood said that the loyalties of party members had been stretched to breaking-point over the past few years because of the relentless abandonment of party principles. The former Cabinet minster expressed dismay that he had spent most of the general election campaign trying to dissuade paid-up members from staying at home or backing Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party.

"I should have been wooing the floating voter. I spent it



Hague: first contender to criticise leadership

bership, who I pleaded with to vote for the Conservative candidate." he said.

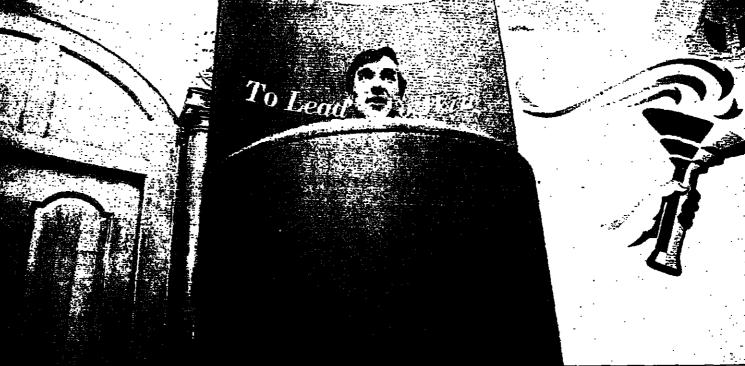
Mr Redwood was addressing a press conference from his new presidential-style set. He stood on a rostrum against a blue and white backdrop displaying the Tory torch and his campaign slogan: To Lead

Mr Redwood's attack came the day after William Hague. seen as Mr Major's preferred heir apparent, criticised the "constantly shifting fudge" of recent years and condemned the era of "sleaze, greed, self-indulgence and division".

Mr Hague, youngest of the six candidates, will receive a further boost today from William Waldegrave, one of the seven Cabinet ministers who lost their seats. Mr Waldegrave will declare his support during a visit by Mr Hague to his former Bristol Mr Redwood and Mr

Hague both avoided mentioning Mr Major by name. But their comments were barely concealed criticisms of the way in which the party is divided over Europe. Stephen Dorrell, the former

health secretary, also entered the debate over Mr Major's record vesterday. In contrast to Mr Redwood and Mr Prime Minister, who once



Leading man: John Redwood addresses a press conference yesterday from the set designed by a communications agency enlisted by his wife, Gail

neglect of small businesses

such as the erosion of the

a sharp fall in membership.

away from the Conservatives,

singled out Mr Dorrell as a future Tory leader. "History will be very kind to John Major." he said in a statement. "Conservatives should be proud of our record between 1979 and 1997 ... I am proud to have been a member of the government during that

However, he went on to criticise the party's general election campaign. "In 1997 we lost contact with our support-

ers because we failed to convince them that a re-elected Conservative government would reflect their values." Peter Lilley, speaking at a

press conference, said that Mr Major carried out his leadership with great dignity, and he emerged with respect of all members of the party".

Mr Redwood, who chal-

others have joined and worked for the Eurosceptic parties that formed on our flank. Towards the end of the last government, lenged Mr Major for the many party activists left leadership in 1995, said that it the theatre. By the time was the drift over Europe, and the curtain came down we were playing to an empty

and traditional Tory concerns house." Mr Redwood said that countryside, which had led to many former party members had agonised over whether to "Some have quietly slipped election. "I want all those Conservatives to come back home," he said. "The way to invite them back is to remind them why we were all Conservatives in the first place." Viscount Whitelaw, the closest confidant of Margaret

Thatcher during much of her premiership, yesterday called on the party to end internal "theological disputes" and to choose Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor. In a letter to The Daily Telegraph, Lord Whitelaw pointed out that the party did not move significantly to the Right after defeat in 1945 and 1966. "Instead, we listened to the message of the people and resisted ideological convulsions," he said.

Law chief tells youth courts to get tough

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MAGISTRATES were urged by the Lord Chancellor yester-day to be tough on persistent young offenders and to cut adjournments in youth courts. In his first public pronouncement since taking office, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC. told the 382 magistrates who chair the youth court panels in England and Wales that he wanted them to deal "swiftly and effectively" with young criminals. His letter was de livered the day after the Home Secretary announced measures to speed up the youth justice system under the Crime and Disorder Bill. Lord Irvine, president of the Magistrates' Association, said that speedy action was essential because delay disconnected the crime from the

He urged where possible, to sentence more cases at first hearing: he more critical of applications for adjournment, consider journment and whether a presentence report is necessary; and consider orders against lawyers for wasted costs.

Ann Fuller, chairman of the Magistrates' Association, said: 'We are not against change but all magistrates wish to see a well-considered, practical and full review, not quick patchwork measures

Sniping suspect's brother-in-law seeks Dublin seat

By Audrey Magee, Ireland correspondent

THE brother-in-law of the alleged IRA sniper charged with killing Lance Bombardier Stephen Restorick aims to become the first Sinn Fein member of the Dublin Parlia-

ment since 1922. Caoimhghin O Caolain is standing in the border constituency of Cavan-Monaghan for its final seat under the frish election's proportional representation system. His opponents admit that it will be a

close fight. success in securing two seats at Westminster will generate enough support in the Republie to earry Mr O Caolain into the Dail. The party is working hard to portray him as a community worker who has no paramilitary record. It is putting him forward for tele-vision interviews on party matters, sending him on missions to the United States and this week included him in the first talks with British government officials since the 1996 collapse of the IRA ceasefire.

The Times has discovered, however, that Mr O Caolain is closely linked to Bernard McGinn, who was arrested in Northern Ireland last month and charged with three murders: Lance Bombardier Restorick at a checkpoint in Bessbrook, Co Armagh last February: Lance Bombardier Andrew Garret in 1993; and Gilbert Johnston, a former UDR soldier, in 1978. Mr O Caolain. 43. a former bank clerk, said that he had no wish to discuss his brother-in-law or their relationship.

What happened to Bernard he said. *People in this constituency know me and know of my commitment to peace." The Sinn Fein candidate -

one of 15 standing in the election on June 6 - is two young women. Ann Leonard of Fianna Fail and Ann Gallagher of Labour. They are fighting for the seat held by Ms Leonard's father. Jimmy, who is retiring from Irish politics. Mr Leonard received strong support from republicans in Monaghan and it is expected that those votes will transfer to Mr O Caolain rather than to his daughter, a 28-year-old nurse.

☐ The Most Rev Desmond Connell, the Archbishop of Dublin, called for a referendum to confirm Ireland's legal ban on abortion. He said in a newspaper article that "unac-ceptable ambiguity" surrounded the legal right to life.

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, said that he and his coalition partners would not accede to the

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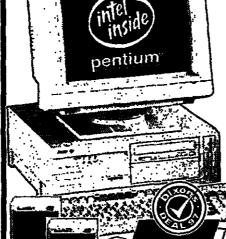
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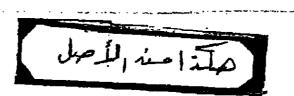
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Fox-hunters urged to set up own regulator

By MICRAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

a three-man team chaired by THE establishment of an in-Richard Phelps, a retired pubdependent body to police hunthic administrator. The two ing with hounds was recommended yesterday in the first review of the sport in other members were William Twink" Allen, Professor of nearly half a century. The proposed regulator would Equine Reproduction at Cam-bridge University, and Stuart Harrop. Professor of Wildlife have the power to ban hunts Management Law at Kent University. Professor Allen that behaved unacceptably. The review finds no reason

to outlaw hunting, a move was the only member of the which would have a huge The League Against Cruelimpact on rural social and economic life, but says there are "questionable" practices that should be examined and Sports denounced the report, saying no one should be fooled into thinking it was the prodperhaps abandoned.

With the Government pledged to hold a free vote on uct of an unbiased inquiry. "It was the brainchild of the bloodsports lobby and funded whether hunting should be by the bloodsports lobby, a statement said.

outlawed, the report will be

widely seen as an attempt by

the hunting community to put

its own house in order in the hope of staving off a ban. The authors find no scientif-

ic evidence that hunting foxes

constitutes cruelty, but sug-

gest that hunting cub foxes

early in the season and using

terriers to dig out foxes that have gone to ground may

cause unusual mental and

The review was commis-

Movement, a body which was

set up two years ago under the

chairmanship of Sir David Steel, the former Liberal Dem-

ocrat leader. Earlier this year it joined forces with the British

Field Sports Society after run-

ning into financial straits.

psychological stress.

John Cooper, the league's Professor Harrop said the chairman, added: "We would last big review of hunting, the

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obviously welcome the removal of cub-hunting and terrierwork from fox-hunting. although that is unlikely to be acceptable to many hunters.

But it would still leave a socalled sport which torments foxes by chasing them to the point of exhaustion before allowing the animal to be disembowelled in the most horrendous fashion."

Mr Phelps insisted yester day that his group had taken Their aim had been to take a dispassionate look at the arguments for and against hunting, a far more complex issue than was generally recognised.

had recommended setting up a regulatory body but the proposal was not acted on.
"We are not suggesting that hunts are breaking their own rules," he said. "But they are not responsible to any outside

1951 Scott Henderson report,

body and there is no real pressure on them at present to examine their own practices." The report suggests that the regulatory body should be modelled on the Press Com-

plaints Commission. Ideally, hunts would enter into contractual relationships with the commission and agree to accept its rulings. If this could not be achieved, the body would need some basis in statute law. On the alleged cruelty of fox hunting, the report says: Without doubt, the fox experi-

ences a mixture of excitement tension, fear and physical stress, and a final brief period of acute distress, before it is killed almost instantaneously by the lead hound which nreaks its neck. But the levels of these disturbances are no greater or

more prolonged than those that occur routinely in nature when any type of predator stalks, hunts and kills its prey." The fox was well equipped for the chase.

The report also says that a ban on hunting would have a severe effect on local econoand catering trades affected.



ng into financial straits. Fox-hunting, here depicted by Stubbs, has an important The report was compiled by role in rural life with many jobs dependent, the report says

Labour is seeking to prevent Bill on hunting

By JILL SHERMAN THE Government was mak-

ing strenuous efforts last night to prevent one of its MPs from introducing a Private Mem-ber's Bill to han fox hunting. Michael Foster, MP for Worcester, drew first place in the private members' ballot, which means that his Bill wil be introduced this session and. if it commands widespread support, could have a good chance of becoming law. As soon as the results were

announced Mr Foster was called in to see the whips, warned that a ban on foxhunting was not the Government's first priority and told not to rush ahead with any decision

But Mr Foster, an animal rights sympathiser, is already being put under huge pressure from the anti-hunting lobby to use his slot for an anti-hunting Bill. Yesterday the League Against Cruel Sports said that it had had discussions on the issue with Mr Foster in the run-up to the election and it was willing to provide the resources necessary to bring in his Bill.

The League is proposing to pay for an opinion poll in Mr Foster's constituency. Yesterday it published a statement Mr Foster made to his local newspaper in which he said: "I would vote to ban fox-hunting. I think it is a barbaric practice." The League also said it had a piece of legislation ready which it had drawn up with other animal rights groups including the RSPCA.

Mr Foster said he had been trying to avoid the lobbyists because he had not decided what kind of Bill he would introduce. "I'm going to take time over the next week or so to make sure (judge the whole measure very carefully and don't rush into it."

Labour has promised a free vote on fox-hunting but business managers have pointed out to Mr Foster that the present session is already tightly packed with the Government's 26 bills and there would be little room for such a controversial Bill. They have warned him that although such a Bill would easily get through the Commons it might have a rougher passage in the Lords. A ban on foxhunting is not a manifesto

Five of the top six MPs in the ballot were Tories. The name of Julian Lewis, new Tory MP for New Forest East, was second out of the hat. The Tory Eurosceptic Teresa Gorman was in third place, the former Transport Secretary Sir George Young fourth, Cynog Dafis of Plaid Cymru fifth and John Burnett, the new Liberal Democrat MP for Devon West and Torridge, sixth.

Those in the top half dozen places have a good chance of getting a measure through Parliament if they opt for non-contentious legislation with widespread support

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Tories must stop dithering and start rebuilding party

committee yesterday

under the existing rules and

then to review the rules

afterwards. There is a strong

case for the involvement of

ordinary party members, but

the manoeuvrings over the Tory leadership are receiving far more attention than they deserve. The contenders are being treated as if they still exercised serious power - partly because they are familiar faces. They do not, and will not for some time. The Tories can only shout from the sidelines. But much of the political world has not yet really adjusted to the scale of the Tory defeat, even though the party's new MPs are more realistic about the state of the party than their elders.

It was absurd that the elections for the chairman and executive of the Tory backbench 1922 committee were discussed as if this august body of old buffers (a mere couple of members excepted) really mattered. It is far less important than any one of half a dozen Cabinet committees. Sir Archie Hamilton looks the very model of a 1992 chairman but he would not feature on any list of the 50 most influential politicians in Britain. At

RIDDELL ON POLITICS to revive and rebuild the

through all the recent blather Tory party in the country. But last night's solution for about the leadership election. the current contest still looks There has been endless a messy compromise as the talk about changing the rules to create an electoral college voluntary side of the Tory party appears discontented. in which constituency chair-The choice of Tory leader is men and party worthies have itself less important than the a minority share of the vote or, alternatively, for a new leader to submit himself to rival campaigns pretend. We are not necessarily talking about the next Prime Minisbroader approval by the party in the country. Of course, ter. Of course, some of the 164 MPs are far too few to candidates would be worse elect the leader of what is than others, further isolating supposed to be the alternathe party from the mainstream. Kenneth Clarke is tive government. Most MPs the obvious candidate with a were selected, or endorsed, by more party members in broad national appeal in the their own constituencies. But short term. But whoever is elected will find that the state it is daft to devise a fancy. and inevitably interim, new of the Tory party is likely to get a lot worse in the immedifranchise at this stage for the current election. The only ate future. There will be questions about who will serve under whom and over the party's stand on Europe. last night, to hold the election

The immediate priorities for the Tories are not at Westminster or about policymaking but outside and

as a new party just as Labour fresh faces, both male and female, on the Labour bench-es show a party which has a broad national base. At present, the Tories in the House of Commons are, in the main, "an English rural and suburban party", as Sir Patrick Cormack commented in the Commons on Wednesday. They no longer speak for big city and industrial England, or the whole of Scotland and Wales.

onsequently, the par-liamentary party can no longer expect the predominant role it has enjoyed in the past. The Tories must look to a strong national organisation, a central membership scheme (both as a means of communication and fundraising) and to a revival in local government. The current frolics in the parliamentary party are merely a messy prelude to the real work of recovery.





Regional companies to gain London home in Victorian building fitted with latest seating technology

Music hall takes encore as quick-change theatre

ONE of Britain's oldest music halls, which has been empty for decades since Charlie Chaplin, Gracie Fields and Tommy Cooper trod its boards, is to be restored as a theatre for the best regional companies.

Adrian Noble, artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, and Clive Ander-son, the television host, are among leading figures pro-moting the 1862 Collins Music Hall on Islington Green, north London. The RSC's Swan Theatre at

Stratford-upon-Avon and the Royal Exchange in Manchest er will be among regional companies able to transfer productions there. The organisers, who say the Collins will be "an ambassador for the rapidly growing quality of British regional drama". are seeking £13.75 million from the National Lottery. The total cost is £17.95 million and most of the rest has been

Sally Greene, the Collins's acting chairman, said that it would be "a new type of theatre" that could rearrange itself into virtually any stage layout. Using compressed air technology, interchangeable mobile seating towers would



The music hall's original façade after it was founded by Sam Collins, right, chimney sweep and comedian

shaped for each performance. switching between theatre-inthe-round and end-stage forbetween 450 and 700 people.

Mr Noble said that there would be huge savings as scenery would no longer have to be adapted or rebuilt for transfers: it would simply be used in a layout matching the original production.

From 1862 until 1958, audiences flocked to the Collins. which was named after Sam Collins, a cockney chimney sweep who performed at local music halls as an "Irish" comedian. In 1862 he turned a pub into the 600-seat Collins. Gracie Fields made her



London debut there, Chaplin appeared in Frank Carno's 1912 and Tommy Cooper gave his first professional performance there. In 1958 it was destroyed by fire and used as a timber yard. The organisers say: You can still see the outline of the steps, the balcoleaned and laughed." They promise that the new theatre will echo the spirit of the old

Howard Wood Levin Partnership, includes an arts centre 11pm. In addition to 343 per

calé-bar and a cinema for screening work by first-time film-makers. Charles Saatchi, the advertising innovator and collector of contemporary art, has promised to find artists for

the gallery.

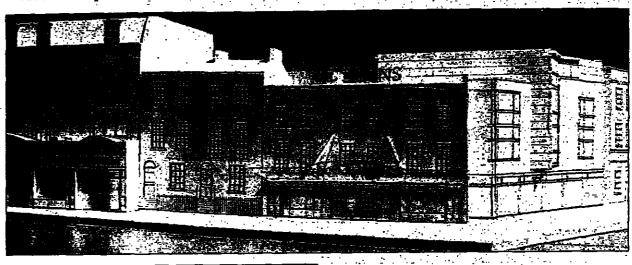
Mr Noble said: "If the lottery bid is successful, from will be able 1999 more people will be able to see Swan Theatre productions in London than is currently possible." The Royal Exchange, which has been without a London home since its residency at the Round House in the early 1980s, will the Collins.

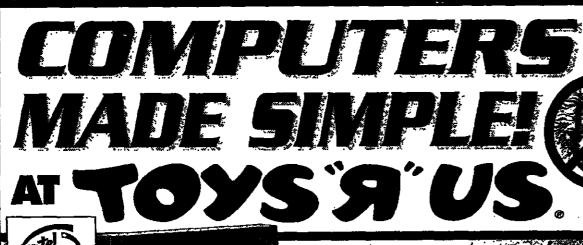
Yesterday the Exchange re-ceived £17 million lottery money to repair its Manchester home, which was badly damaged in last year's IRA bombing. More than E30 million is being spent on the Victorian building.

The hall will offer touring companies a more permanent London base. Max Stafford-Clark, artistic director of the innovative Out of Joint touring company, said: "Currently there are no theatres in London that can offer us what the Collins is proposing: an that will have the flexibility to respond to the varied range of work that we produce."



An artist's impression of the theatre's in-the-round mode and, below, a model of the exterior after restoration







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Lottery money to pay for Cornish Garden of Eden

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

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mission, the body set up to Gardens award grants from lottery. We hope to attract between award grants from lottery proceeds to projects celebratng the millennium.

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THE Millennium Commis- but refused to forecast the size

Sir Alcon said: "The project is intended to symbolise the Eden" in a disused claypit shift from exploitation to connear St. Austell in Comwall, eservation of the natural world much of it contained in what wand will take about three years will be the biggest green to construct. It is a very houses in the world. The Eden Project will be one ... between the international terof the most ambitious schemes ... minal at Waterloo Station and

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750,000 and one million visitors a year, injecting a lot of money into the local economy. Many foreign countries have already expressed interest in becoming involved in research once the project is complete." At least three giant greenhouses, or "biomes", are envisaged at the old Bodelva Quarry, spanning up to 120 metres each and rising to 65 metres. Each house will con-

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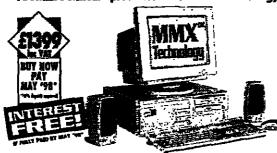


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Afghan city enjoys its reprieve from Taleban conquest

FOR three days this week. Maar-i-Sharif closed its shutter and awaited invasioni litt by little it has emerged panic, now convinced the the Taleban Islamic mili-tia vili take time to overthrow trelast important city in Afhe markets were open and the markets were open and buy in Mazar-i-Sharif yester-di, and popular Hindi film make pounded from record sloss Most women were fully ed in keeping with custom. bisome left their faces uncover as they walked to and from work, the last women in

ghanistan allowed to hold ios outside the home. Many wore make up and fahionable shoes with no fullahs to becate them or rligious police to beat them. hey looked at the latest goods if the shops, filled with clothes ad cheap electronic goods hought in through the Cenal Asian states to the north. his last bastion of liberalism i Afghanistan is cherishing feedom, unsure how long it

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Christopher Thomas reports from Mazar-i-Sharif, the last significant urban refuge from the hardline Muslim regime

will last. The local currency, in reality-worthless, has soared and plunged this week in response to rumour, but has finally settled down to around its earlier value, a sign of confidence among the money traders, their ears constantly tuned to gossip.

They are crucial to the

survival of the north. This gag-gle of men, arms laden with cash, are the best barometer of the mood of Mazar i-Sharif, and the latest exchange rates against the dollar suggest that they have no great fear of the immediate future, although they worry that they will fail to anticipate the north's collapse. The war has moved close: there has been fighting within 30 miles of Sheberghan, a

drive from Mazar-i-Sharif where General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the northern military chief, has his headquarters. But there are indications he has recaptured territory lost to him in a mutiny that threatened to bring down his rela-tively liberal Islamic fieldom. He does not seem beaten yet. The road to Sheberghan

small town less than an hour's

closed for two days, reopened yesterday, as did the road to the strategically important town of Pul-i-Khumri, 100 miles to the southeast. This demonstrates confidence that no invasion can be imminent while inconclusive battles continue in the countryside, stretching the resources of General Dostum's personal and ideological enemies. Many troops have been

flown into the north by General Ahmed Shah Masood, one of the most renowned com-manders in Afghanistan, from his stronghold in the Panishir Valley north of Kabul, the capital: Until now he has largely stayed out of the fight as Taleban moved into General Dostum's provinces: his engagement now could well tip the scales for General

General Masood's men landed at Sheberghan and are now in the mountains and deserts, fighting along fluid

Dostum



warfare: rather, it is opportunistic killing by wandering bands of guerrillas, and casualties are probably modest. At times, it is probable that neither side knows who is

General Dostum spent-time on Tuesday with the head of the Iranian diplomatic mission in Mazar-i-Sharif, further proof of his closeness to Tehran, which has propped up his currency with American dolbe about to collapse. Iran has two principal interests in Afghanistan: protecting the Shia minority and ensuring that an oil pipeline is never built from Central Asia through Afghanistan and Pakistan to the Arabian Sea.

General Dostum may have recaptured all or some of Sare-Pol, one of three provinces he lost in the mutiny. General Abdul Malik, who is leading the revolt, has thrown in his lot with Teleban, but for how

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THE first "boat people" defec-tors from North Korea, who

arrived in the South last week,

yesterday. described people

starving to death and said

their homeland was gripped

by rumours of impending war

Fourteen members of two

against South Korea

long, and why, are not clear. He is a traitor in the eyes of many fellow Uzbeks and may not be able to sustain an effective challenge to his friendturned-enemy, a popular leader whose name, Dostum, means "everybody's friend". ☐ Islamabad: Mullah Muhammad Ghaus, Taleban Foreign Minister, held talks with Norbert Holl, the United Na-

tions mediator, here vesterday, Afghan sources said. The talks focused on the food sit-

Koreans fled rumours of war

families told their first news

conference that life in the

North was a constant battle to

survive. "My parents had

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flour porridge," said Kim

Hwa Ok, 41, the wife of the

The other family included

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the ship's engineer, Kim Won Hyung, who said rumours had reached a "serious stage" but it would not go to war to

vessel's captain.

uation in Afghanistan, hu manitarian assistance and military developments northern Afghanistan, Abdul Wahab, a diplomat from the Taleban-controlled Embassy here said. Other sources said Herr

Holl proposed a meeting between Taleban and a representative of the opposition alliance which is headed by General Dostum. They said that the Taleban official's response was "positive". (AFP)

Korean leader, Kim Jung II.

would launch an attack on the

South between July and Octo-

ber at the end of a three-year

mourning period for his

A spokesman for North

Korea's Foreign Ministry said

yesterday that the food crisis

father, the late Kim II Sung.

Tirana sets date for poll

NEWS IN BRIEF

Vienna: Franz Vranitzky, the European envoy to Albania, said vesterday that all sides had agreed to go ahead with a general election on June 29. Herr Vranitzky, mediating for the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, pledged that the international community would now do everything possible to help the country to prepare for the pull and reconstruction. (Reuter)

Cyclone fears

Chittagong: Nearly 750 fishermen were reported missing. feared drowned, in the Bay of Bengal, three days after a 125 mph cyclone battered the Ban-gladesh coast killing around i̇̃00 people. (Reuter)

ll die in ambush

Guwahati: Tribal separatists ambushed and killed It soldiers as Inder Kumar Gujral. the Indian Prime Minister. toured a troubled hill region in the northeastern Manipur

Fatal flight cash

Detroit: A local man was awarded £625,000 for the suffering his late mother endured in the 12 minutes after Korean Air Lines Flight 007 was shot down in Soviet airspace in 1983 before it crashed, (AP)

Boycott threat

Jakarta: Megawati Sukar-noputri, the leader of Indonesia's pro-democracy move-ment threw down a challenge to President Suharto by threatening to organise a boycott of the election on May 29.

Killer quake

Kosamghat: At least 35 people were killed and 1,000 injured when a powerful earthquake hit Madhya Pradesh in central India. flattening houses and burying many victims as they slept. (Reuter)

Editor cleared

Lusaka: Fred M'membe, the Editor of The Post, an independent Zambian newspaper. and his two deputies were acquitted on treason charges ment secrets last year. (AP)

Grannies set up Tokyo

Israel press corps urges Arafat to free journalist

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ian Authority, to release a leading Palestinian-American journalist from prison wherehe is being held in an attempt to stifle internal criticism of

the self-rule administration. Daoud Kuttab, renowned for his attacks on Israeli military rule of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, is reported to be detained in Ramallah jail because his private television station pioneered broadcasting live debates from the 88member Palestinian Legislative Council. This body, better known as the Palestinian parliament, is often critical of Mr

ISRAEL'S 200-member For- Arafat's administration de that people speak bluntly in eign Press Association yester- spite his efforts to reduce its the council. They do not like day appealed to Yassir Arafat, influence, and it recently tried the fact he goes live, the the President of the Palestin- to pass a motion of no confi- lawyer said, adding that his dence in the authority.

Mr Kuttab's arrest was the most serious example of attempts by the Palestinian selfrule leadership to silence the press. His detention came as criticism was growing among Palestinians of corruption among Mr Arafat and his supporters, some of whom have built themselves multi-

million-dollar villas in Gaza. Mr Kuttab's brother, Jonathan, a prominent lawyer. said the journalist was arrested on Tuesday night. They [Palestinian Authority officials do not like the fact

brother would not be freed until Mr Arafat returns from talks in Cairo.

The statement from the press association said: "The FPA urges prompt action to release journalist Daoud Kuttab. As far as we understand, no charges have been brought against him and it is widely understood he was detained for broadcasting stories from the Palestinian Legislative Council. If true, such

action would be a serious and grave restraint on free expression, inconsistent with free

Albanian slaughter threatens lake's ancient fish delicacy

FROM TOM WALKER IN OHRID

EUROPEAN royals, Roman emperors and Eastern sultans have gorged themselves on its succulent pink flesh through the ages, but the present has little respect for the unique Ohrid trout of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, now facing extinction.

After more than three million years in the mountain fastness of Lake Ohrid, Salmo letnica (said to have been Oueen Victoria's favourite fish), finds itself in a conservationist's nightmare. Half the lake lies in Macedonia, where the fish is almost a national symbol: the other is in Albania, where the salmon-like trout is being electrocuted and harpooned into oblivion.

Numbers have halved in the last five years and it is now getting critical, said Stefan Kanevee, whose family has fished for generations from the Macedonian village of Kaneo. "They never used to eat it much in Albania, but now they are all fishing because they are all hungry."

The 80-year-old Macedonian President, Kiro Gligorov, eats the trout every day, and Salmo letnica was always the chosen fish of Tito. In recent years Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands, King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden and Turkish President Demirel have sampled its delights during trips to the lake. Dietary practitioners claim the fish can invigorate the eyes and brain. Lake Ohrid, at 960ft the

deepest lake in the Balkans,

fills a giant geological fault in

the rugged limestone terrain

that separates Macedonia, Al-

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But while Macedonia now has a host of fishing regulations and restrictions, there is little appreciation of the lake's fragile ecology in Albania. Around Ohrid there is no fishing at all during the trout's breeding season in January; at the same time in Albania the pregnant females are culled as they come near the shore to spawn, electrocuted by wires strung between reeds. Those that survive are harpooned.

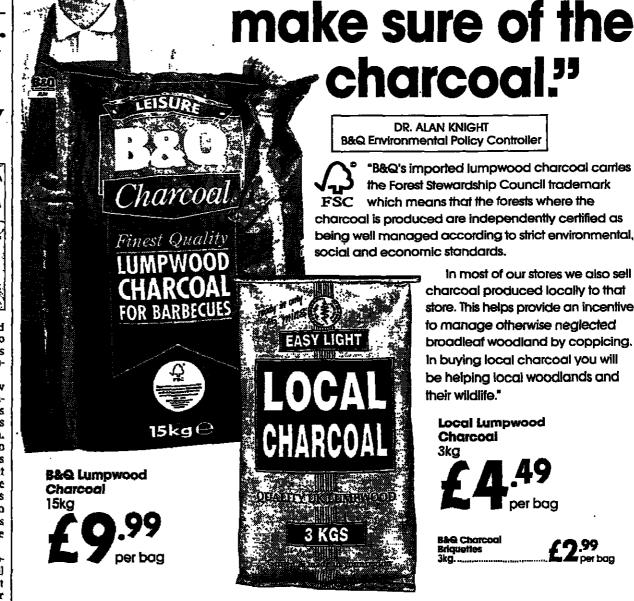
The little-known Macedo nian Navy has two small gunboats on the lake, but rather than provoke border tension the Skopje Government is investing in programmes to bolster the trout's numbers through artificial breeding and restocking. "After 20 years like this there will be none left," said Dr Ivan Chado, a former director of the National Heritage Instirute. "The problem is we can't wait for studies to be made," he said. "It is the mentality of the people on the other side of



Greece. Protection as a World Heritage Site under Unesco has ended the concrete edifices built round Ohrid under Yu-

the lake that has to change."

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US Air Force chief brands B52 pilot 'insubordinate liar'

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

Staff branded America's first îemale B52 pilot an insubordinate liar as his political superiors yesterday wrestled to find a solution in the adultery case of Lieutenant Kelly Flinn.

Fast becoming a cause cele-bre. Lieutenant Flinn has been accused of adultery with a court-martialled at Minot air force base in North Dakota

Amid growing complaints un Capitol Hill over her treatment and demands from critics that she not be granted the honourable discharge she requested, Sheila Widnall, the Air Force Secretary, was last night struggling to bring an end to what has become a highly embarrassing scap opera for the Pentagon.

But while Trent Lott. the Republican Senate majority leader, and Democrats in Congress accused the air force of poor management, its leading officer harshly criticised Lieutenant Flinn. 26, during testimony on Capitol Hill. General Ronald Fogleman. Air Force Chief of Staff, said



Kelly Flinn, left, the B52 pilot accused of adultery.

6 Less than a week after we arrived,

Lieutenant Flinn was in bed with my husband 9

view the bomber pilot as an

"The adultery thing ... that's the thing that has been spun up in the press. That's not what the air force is interested in," the general said. "In the end, this is not an issue of adultery. This is an issue about an officer entrusted to fly nuclear weapons who disobeyed an order, who lied."

The most serious allegation against Lieutenant Flinn is that she made a false official statement to investigators, a charge which carries a maximum penalty of five years'

She is also charged with disobeying air force regulations against fraternisation with an enlisted man, as well

husband having sex."

She added: "If Lieutenant

The military judge in the case has indicated that, if Mrs Widnall rejected the honour able discharge, he would be prepared to begin the court

civilian and conduct unbecoming an officer, which could lead to a total sentence of four years. The lieutenant could be sentenced to a further six months for disobeying an Politicians argued that in several cases, including the infamous 1991 Tailhook affair.

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in which female pilots were sexually abused by airmen at a Las Vegas convention, there had never been any prosecution by the air force. But General Fogleman, a highly decorated Vietnam-era fighter pilot, argued that the

service could not selectively

enforce its rules in the case of Lieutenant Flinn. Mrs Widnall has also re ceived a letter from Airman Gayla Zigo, whose civilian husband had the affair with the B52 pilot. The letter called for no mercy in the case and portrayed Lieutenant Flinn as a sexual predator who deliber-

"I thought she was simply being a friend to my husband, not trying to break up my marriage," said Airman Zigo. "Less than a week after we arrived to the base. Lieutenant Flinn was in bed with my

ately tried to steal her

Flinn gets away with these crimes, what does that say to the rest of the air force

Frank Spinner, Lieutenant Flinn's lawyer, said the letter showed flawed judgement. He said Airman Zigo, a battered wife who subsequently di-vorced her husband, Marc, should direct her anger at



Police fire teargas and rubber bullets at demonstrators in Libertador San Martin in the northern Argentine province of Jujuy. More than 50

McVeigh trial witnesses sow doubts over date bomb truck was rented

AFTER weeks of damaging vidence against Timothy McVeigh, the chief suspect in the Oklahoma City bombing, his defence yesterday attacked one of the cornerstones of the prosecution case. An array of witnesses was called to prove that Mr McVeigh, 29, did not rent the vehicle used in the

prosecutors had alleged. Herta King and Renda Truong both testified they had seen a rented yellow Ryder truck at the Dreamland

as, three days before the bombing on April 19, 1995, which killed 168 adults and children. The prosecution claimed that Mr McVeigh. under the pseudonym "Robert Kling, rented the truck a

The decorated former Gulf War veteran stayed at the motel under his own name in the week before the blast. Lea McGown, mother of the motel's manager, was expected to testify that she saw Mr McVeigh in the vehicle on Easter Sunday, the day before

crammed 137 witnesses into 18 days of compelling physical and circumstantial evidence against Mr McVeigh, they failed to find a single person who would say they had seen homa City on the day of the bombing. Stephen Jones, the leading defence lawyer, was already focusing on this ele-ment last night as he was expected to call Dana Bradley, a teenager who lost her-leg in the blast.

programme, has been appointed as

States. Mr Ekeus replaces Henrik

Liljegren. (AP)

that she saw the Ryder lorry arrive outside the Alfred P Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City shortly before 9am. In contrast to the lanky, pale-faced Mr McVeigh, she has said the driver was short and dark-skinned.

Mr Jones hopes to inject reasonable doubt into the equation by showing Mr McVeigh was the stooge of a wider plot involving elements from the Middle East and even the IRA. He will also criticise the methods of the

Sanctions on Chinese companies

By TOM RHODES

WASHINGTON moved to punish a Hong Kog company and two Chine Iran with chemical weapon technology.

In what was seen as deliberate effort to rebut crihad softened his attitude of Chinese human rights, trac and arms abuses, the Admir istration announced its fir sanctions against Chines companies since re-electio

Madeleine Albright th American Secretary of Statt told the Senate that Americ bargo against the unname companies for at least a year direct evidence of any involve ment by the

Senator Robert Bennett. Utah Republican, also presset Ms Albright on naval intelli gence which suggested China was arming Iran with land based cruise missiles tha could attack American vessels

in the Gulf. Without confirming the intelligence reports. Ms Albright said the State Department had expressed its concerns over the issue to the Beijing Government.

Clinton appoints policy seminar guru as envoy to London BY OUR WASHINGTON South Carolina, the annual new year Bill", who first met the future a foundation on the verge of bank-running the annual Renaissance

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PHILIP LADER, a close friend of the Clintons and Sir James Goldsmith. is to be named America's new Ambassador to London.

After months of speculation, US officials said yesterday that, barring any last-minute hitches or problems with confirmation, Mr Lader, 51, was certain to become President Clinton's new envoy to the Court of St James.

A former White House deputy Chief of Staff and head of the Small Business Administration, Mr Lader is also founder of the Renaissance Weekend seminars at Hilton Head in policy discussion groups faithfully attended by the Clintons since 1984.

The posting to Britain will be something of a homecoming for Mr Lader, who studied law at Oxford before moving to Harvard. A con-firmed Anglophile, he later became a lawyer and prominent businessman instrumental in developing Hilton Head Island as a world-class resort.

Sir James appointed him vicepresident of his American holding company. running a four-million-acre property portfolio, the largest in the United States.

He is viewed as a member of the President's inner circle, a "Friend of American leader during Mr Clinton's first term as Arkansas Governor in 1973. The two have remained in constant

contact ever since. In 1986, when Mr Lader ran unsuccessfully .for the governorship of South Carolina, Mr Clinton spent an entire evening reminding his protègé that he had also been defeated on first running

Apart from this single failure, Mr Lader's career has been marked by his ability to turn around ailing businesses and institutions. In 1991. he was appointed president of Bond University in Queensland, Australia.

ruptcy. When he left two years later to join the Clinton Administration. the university was starting to make a profit and its enrolment had risen by

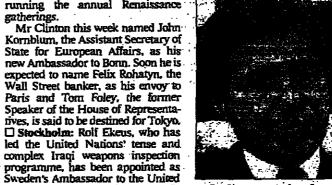
day later.

was described as a "priority" by White House officials yesterday, it was uncertain when an official announcement would be made. The President, who travels to Europe next week for meetings in

While his appointment to London

Paris and The Hague, is spending six hours in London on his return for a meeting with Tony Blair.

If confirmed, Mr Lader and his wife, Linda, are expected to continue



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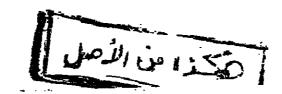
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China hopes Blair will put aside disputes to attend Hong Kong ceremony

PUTTING past quarrels with Britain over Hong Kong behind them, senior Chinese officials yesterday expressed the hope that Tony Blair would attend the ceremonies to commemorate and celebrate the handover of Hong Kong on June 30.

Of course, we wish to see a very iriendly atmosphere prevailing. said one senior official. Expressing. a personal view, he added: "I hope the people from your side are of the highest standing, and the higher

position they are the better." The official said that Presiden Jiang Zemin of China would be present. The Queen would be represented by the Prince of Wales

British and Chinese officials are putting the finishing touches to preparations for the colony's handover in June, report James Pringle in Beijing and Michael Dynes in London

Minister could be there, "that would be appropriate".

Mr Blair is expected to weigh up whether he will be able to fit the trip into his busy domestic agenda.
"I think the Prime Minister has not reached a final decision, said one source familiar with the British position. A lot will depend on who is going on the Chinese side and we don't have definite word yet." The

Foreign Office said yesterday that Mr Blair is expected to decide soon" whether he will attend the handover ceremonies and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, has

already said that he will be there. Although the political reforms pushed through by Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, have profoundly angered the Chinese, he will be treated cordially at the ready to shake hands with him." said one official who is in London for final consultations.

Detailed discussions have been going on for months between Britain and China in the Joint Liaison Group (ILG). It is responsible for making the transfer arrangements and is finalising "finishing touches" such as guest lists and seating arrangements. The group's two ambassadors, Hugh Davies and Chen Zuo'er. have been meeting once a week.

The last JLG plenary session will be held in Hong Kong from next Wednesday until Friday. It will decide the final details, including whether Mr Jiang will be present 30, and whether it will be a Communist-style ceremony with leaders lined up on the platform, as the Chinese want, or the less formal

arrangement favoured by London. There will be "no protocol problems" herween the two sides, diplomatic sources say, although Mr Jiang, as China's head of state, will

be the most senior person present. The Chinese perceive Mr Blair and Mr Cook as "more friendly" than Mr Patten and the Conservative Government that appointed him. Chinese sources say.

Foreign diplomats in Beijing said yesterday that the presence of the Prime Minister would illustrate Britain's continuing concern for the

ceremonies. "Of course I would be before or after midnight on June territory, which it has ruled for 150

'At the same time, it would allow Mr Blair to take the measure of Chinese leaders, and have useful talks with them on future Sino-British relations, and possibly trade," one envoy said.

In Tiananmen Square yesterday. the digital clock marking off the days, minutes and seconds until Hong Kong's return, had reached 39 days before zero hour.

Three ancient veterans of the Chinese Communist Party's revolutionary struggles in the 1930s. wearing campaign medals and new uniforms in the style of that time, posed beneath the clock as a choir of Beijing senior citizens sang

there would be no New China".

Officials say that at midnight on June 30 fireworks, banned in China in recent years, will be set off over Tiananmen Square. It is uncertain, however, if ordinary

citizens will be permitted to attend. Chinese officials are beginning to talk about the handover as "a great event" and "an historic occasion". Although films are being screened on the Opium Wars and other events involving Britain's relationship with China, anti-British feeling is hard to detect. There does, however, seem an atmosphere of quiet satisfaction that this problem "left over from history" will soon be

Judge claims KGB role in attack on Pope 'covered up'

THE Italian judge who led the is now an appeal court judge, living in Paris, had said initial investigations into the told Corriere della Sera that assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in May 1981 broke his long silence on the case yesterday. He said that he was convinced the KGB had organised the conspiracy, but its role had been covered up because it was inconvenient to the highest authorities in the West at a delicate moment

in East-West relations". Ferdinando Imposimato was the investigating magistrate in charge of the inquiry after the attempted murder of the Pope by Mehmet Ali Agca. a Turkish gunman connected to the right-wing Grey Wolves terrorist group, in St Peter's Square. He said he was taken off the case in 1985 just as we were coming to a conclusion over the KGB and the Bulgarian connection":

The "Bulgarian link" has been the subject of repeated controversy since 1981, but never proved: The Pope has said he does not believe that

Sofia was involved. However, Judge Imposimato, who served later as an

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he had continued to take an interest in the case.

The documents he had seen between 1981 and 1985 and since then left no doubt that "the Kremlin", specifically Yuri Andropov, then head of the KGB and later Soviet leader, had wanted the Pope dead because he posed a threat to the Communist system not only in his native Poland but also throughout the Soviet bloc. But that view became "in-

convenient" by 1985, at a time when Mikhail Gorbachev was coming to power in Moscow with a reform programme that might, and eventually did, lead to the transformation and collapse of the Soviet Union. "The West did not need any criminalisation of the East ... It was easier to blame the

attack on an alleged madman." But he had found Agca, who is still in prison, "perfectly lucid and intelligent. Judge Imposimato said that

his superiors had urged him repeatedly to "let it go". But he had decided to speak out after MP for the Party of the had decided to speak out after Democratic Left (PDS), the Oral Celik, a Turkish former former Communist Party, and member of the Grey Wolves

recently that he, too, had been in the square with Agea and had also fired at the Pope. "I can confirm that Celik was indeed there, although the bullets fired at the Pope were Agca's," the judge said. "More than that, there were two Bulgarian diplomats close by with a getaway car: Ivan Dontchev, who was listed as cultural attaché, and Sotir Kolev, also known as Theodor Ayvazov. The subsequent acquintal by a Rome court of Bulgarian officials accused of

inspired". The judge said that he could also shed light on the disap-pearance of Emanuela Orlandi. 15, the daughter of a senior Vatican official, on June 22, 1981, five weeks after the attack. She was never found.

involvement in the assassina-

tion attempt was "politically

He said that, after a flute lesson at the Pontifical Conservatoire, she had been kidnapped by Turkish Grey Wolves linked to the KGB "because they knew Agca was beginning to talk in captivity about the true extent of the conspiracy". He said the ter-rorists had offered to return the girl in exchange for Agca, who they intended to kill in order to silence him. But there had been no deal and Emanuela had eventually become integrated" into an "Islamic community".

Agea had understood the threat posed to him by the kidnapping and had steadfastly maintained afterwards for public consumption that he had acted alone.

The judge added of the KGB-Agea connection: "You have no idea of the obstacles we encountered at international levels when we came to this conclusion, or the superficiality with which some key inquiries were conducted."



Annette Sorensen and her baby daughter, Liv, on their return to Copenhagen yesterday. The mother was given a conditional discharge after being accused of "endangering the welfare and physical wellbeing" of the girl

Bistro mother and baby go home

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

leaving her 14-month-old daughter in a arms" when they arrested the couple. pram on the pavement outside a bistro while she drank margaritas with the father, flew back to Denmark with her child yesterday after being ordered by a New York court to leave the United

Annette Sorensen was given a conditional discharge by the city's family court and put on probation after the police had charged her with "endangering the welfare and physical wellbeing" of her

daughter, Liv.
The girl's father, Exavier Wardlaw, a 49-year-old squatter and playwright, still faces charges, including an accusation of disorderly conduct. His trial has been set for June 4. Yesterday, Mr Wardlaw's lawyer called the charges against his client

THE Danish single mother who was ar- "outrageous", saying that the police had ulously to the Danish dismay. In a city rested in New York a fortnight ago, for "ripped his baby out of her mother's

> The case of "little Liv" captured New York's imagination, while at the same time igniting a great deal of outrage in Denmark. Danes believed that the police had over-reacted to an extraordinary degree when they arrested Ms Sorensen and Mr Wardlaw for leaving Liv on the pavement. The parents spent two nights

The child welfare agency in New York City put the baby in foster care for four days before she was reunited with her mother. Commentators in Denmark queued up to point out that prams are left outside all the time in Copenhagen, and that Ms Sorensen was only doing what

came naturally to her at home. New Yorkers, however, reacted incredwhere even the dustbins are chained to railings to foil thieves, leaving a baby outside a restaurant on a busy city amounted for many to a severe dereliction of parental duty. As a commentator pointed out in the New York Post, "the corner of Second Avenue where the baby was left is about as kid-friendly as a shark-tank".

Certainly, "cultural factors" appear to have played an important role in the whole affair. Ms Sorensen was unrepentant to the end, sticking doggedly to her assertion that she "would leave Liv outside in Denmark". Yet the baby's father, who lives in Brooklyn, appears not to have counselled Ms Sorensen against such Danish practices in a city which, by universal agreement, is a trifle less safe than Copenhagen.

Hong Kong seeks to extradite soldier

From Jonathan Mirsky IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG officials are attempting to extradite from the United Kingdom a British soldier suspected of murder. They hope to allay the fears of citizens that if he escapes trial in the colony members of the future Chinese garrison who commit crimes here might also escape local laws.

We are making every effort to get this man back." a spokesman for the British Forces here said yesterday. 'We are aware of the enormous implications for after

On April 30 there was a fight outside the Pussy Cat Club in the Wanchai district. During the light, Garry Tait, an Australian, was knocked unconscious. He died in hospital on April 29.

The suspect in the killing, Warrant Officer Barry Miller, a physical training instructor, returned to Britain on April 22 as part of the garrison's pre-handover withdrawal. The British Army insists it knew nothing about the case. Subsequently, a photofit of the suspect was circulated, and the British Forces spokesman said: "We recognised the picture and told the police."

Several possible witnesses. of the fight, also off-duty soldiers, who were due to return to Britain, have been kept in Hong Kong by the Army, but are carrying out the spokesman, since Warrant Officer Miller was off-duty and is now in a different jurisdiction, the Army cannot order him back to Hong Kong. He has all the rights of any other British citizen," the spokesman said.

Warrant Officer Miller has appeared twice at Bow Street Magistrates' Court and been bailed. Extradition papers will be presented in London on June 25 and, if he is sent back to Hong Kong, his trial is unlikely to occur before the handover to Chinese rule.



Ali Agea, who had tried to murder him in 1981

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Europe may fine Boeing \$5bn over 'unfair' merger

THE stage was set yesterday for a possible transatlantic trade battle after the European Commission set out its objections to a merger between the Boeing and McDonnell Douglas aircraft makers. and officials said that it could declare the deal illegal.

Karel Van Miert, the Competition Commissioner, was adamaint that he would not back down in an offensive that eventually could lead to the EU imposing a fine of up to \$5 billion (E3 billion) on the US company if the merger conditions were not revised. EU sources said. The deal. worth \$15 billion, appeared to break EU law because it would give Boeing the lion's share of a market where the only other player was Europe's Airbus Industrie, according to the Commission. Boeing would be providing 84 per cent of the worldwide airliner fleet, compared with (ii) per cent now, it says.

The commissioner's campaign against the deal has stirred anger in America and threatens to cast a shadow over a Hague summit next Wednesday between President Clinton and EU leaders. Mr Van Miert's action has also stirred some concern inside the Commission, where officials are worried that his stance is troubling efforts to lorge relations with smoother

Mr Van Miert's latest exercise of the Commission's powers to vet deals anywhere that affect EU business competition has already led to a run-in with British Airways over its planned alliance with American Airlines. However, the



Van Miert adamant he will not back down

seeds of a compromise that would end that dispute are emerging, the sources said. Behind the row over Boeing the American conviction that Mr Van Miert is acting to protect Airbus and overstep-

ping his authority by interfering in a US business matter. The commissioner's EU officials are working in tandem with the US Federal Trade Commission, which is itself vetting the McDonnell Douglas takeover, but Brussels expects the US agency to give its approval. American officials in Brussels yesterday deplored Mr Van Miert's public statements in a case still under review. Boeing's lawyers are said to be collecting every comment by Mr Van Miert for use in court if the affair is not

The Americans say that the Boeing merger will have little impact on the market because McDonnell Douglas has only about 6 per cent of airliner sales and has sold no planes in

Europe for several years. Mr Van Miert's team cites a sheaf of figures to justify Europe's right to block the deal as it exists. Boeing would become the only plane-maker offering a full range of airliners and it would have all of the market for the biggest transports, it says. They are also worried about the commercial spillover from the new company's hugh production of military aircraft. McDonnell Douglas provides 56 per cent of fighter ircraft, they note.

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The Commission is also upset by Boeing's recent contracts with American Airlines and Delta to act as their sole suppliers for 20 years. Mr Van Miert believes, the sources said, that it is hypocrisy for the Americans to preach the virtues of open competition while endorsing deals that lock out Airbus from big airlines for

two decades. If Boeing fails to offer a remedy, the EU could declare the deal illegal. That would enable it to fine the company up to 10 per cent of its annual turnover and to cause havoc for Boeing sales in law courts around the world.

Phil Condit, Boeing's chairman, said there was only one issue for Europe in the planned marger. "Does the combination of Boeing with McDonnell Douglas's commercial airplane unit have a restrictive effect on competition?" The answer was no, he said, becuase McDonnell Douglas's share of the market had fallen to 4 per cent while Airbus was providing 30 per

The EU is to deliver a final ruling on the deal in late July.



A university student, framed by a hole in a banner, joins a demonstration in front of the National Assembly in Lisbon. About 1,000 students took part in the protest against the Portuguese Government's education policy

Communist 'ugly sister' dreams of happy ending to Marxist fairytale

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN VITRY-SUR-SEINE

THE Communist Party could be thought of as the "ugly sister" of French politics that might - just might - get to go to the government ball, if the Cinderella Socialists emerge victorious in the approaching parliamentary

The Socialists have formed an uneasy pact with the extreme left party, for without the support of the Communists - in second-round voting and in parliament — they have no chance of forming the next government. If, defying

predictions, that comes to pass on June 2, France may have a Cabinet containing Communist ministers for the first time in 13 years.

The opinion polls and the gradual decline of the Parti Communiste Français over the last three decades make that prospect unlikely, perhaps even a fantasy, but as Robert Hue, the Communists' leader, strode into a campaign rally on the suburbs of Paris this week he exuded bonhomie, outrage and confidence

FRENCH ELECTIONS

A Communist vote is a vote of sanction against the Government, the strongest rejec-tion of the unacceptable National Front," M Hue

With his short stature, im-pressive girth, bald head and a grey beard, he resembles nothing so much as Snow White's eighth companion, let us call him Commie, a strange combination of Grumpy.

Happy and Sleepy. The 300 Communist faithful assembled in a municipal gym here also reflected those characteristics: grumpy at the "devastations" inflicted on the working class by the Govern-ment of the Prime Minister, Alain Juppe; happy at even the faintest prospect of lever-age over a Socialist-led gov-ernment; yet oddly somnolent, suspended in hist-ory between a failed past and

an uncertain future. The Communists held 24 seats in the outgoing parlia-ment and still attract around 10 per cent of the national vote. But for all its continued prominence in French political life, the party is a nostal-

gic fossil. Since its heyday in the Sixties and Seventies, when the party routinely attained 25 per cent, the party has steadily dwindled. Since M Hue took over

from Georges Marchais three years ago, the party has changed much "Democratic centralism" - that grim euphemism for preventing de-bate on leadership decisions may have gone, but much of the old party remains including the hammer and sickle and the bitter internal disputes over the legacy of Stalinism. Its platform is a familiar one: massive taxes on the wealthy and companies. boosting the minimum wage, cutting VAT, creating L5 mil-

lion jobs and stopping After the last parliamentary elections, one quarter of the Left's seats were held by Communists. After this election, the Socialist propertie is certain to rise dramatically, and the Communist, Party is thus in the paradoxical posvictory, but one as narrow as

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on Kabila to choose Cabinet

FROM DAVID ORR

IF Laurent Kabila thought winning a civil war hard work, it was because he had never tried to form a government.

This was the wry observation of one Western diplomat as the self-declared President of the new Democratic Republic of Congo struggled last night to put together an interim administration in the wake of his victory over the ousted dictator, Mobutu Sese Seko. Mr Kabila had vowed to

announce a transitional government within 72 hours of his capture of the capital, Kinshasa, last weekend. But it soon became clear that he had another battle to fight after winning the war. Central to the problem has been finding a role for Etienne Tshisekedi. the populist opposition leader Three times named Prime sacked during the Mobutu era Mr Tshisekedi has been a thorn in the side of the victorious Alliance of Demo-

Four Royal Marines arrested by Congolese police after a confrontation with an angry crowd in Brazzaville have been released (Michael Evans writes). Ministry of Defence sour-ces said that the crowd thought that Marines cross-ing the Congo River had stolen property. However, the allegations were based on a misunderstanding and the Marines were freed after the British consul in Brazzaville intervened.

cratic Forces for the Liberation

of Congo-Zaire. Considered a self-serving opportunist by many in the rebel alliance, Mr Tshisekedi nonetheless enjoys wide-spread popularity, particularly in the capital. His supporters have been out in force, agitating for the ap-pointment of their leader as Prime Minister Mr Kabila was due to meet Mr Tshisekedi for talks yesterday afternoon in Kinshasa

The arrival of rebel alliance forces in the capital was ekedi's so called radical oppo shion party, the UDPS, is insistent that it has also longht-a long struggle, albeit a peace-ful line, to unseat Mr Mobiliu

and his cromes. If Mr Kabila leaves Mr Ishisekedi adrift on the political high seas, then he is he needs for the daunting voyage ahead. If, however, he lls him on board. Mr

Kohl plans to boost iobs in east

FROM ROGER BOYES

HELMUT KOHL, the German Chancellor, joined forces with union and employers' leaders yesterday to try to turn around the ailing economy of eastern Germany, which is keeping unemployment levels high and making it increas ingly difficult for the country to stay on course for economic

and monetary union.

The aim of the joint initia-

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halt the loss of jobs in the east and create about 100,000 posts a year from next year. Unemployment is disproportionate ly high in the east, contributing 1.28 million to Germany's jobless total of 4.2 million. Officially, the eastern unemployment rate is 17 per cent, but experts calculate that in fact one in three east Germans is still searching for a permanent job.

The Chancellor, who presented his plan in Berlin with Dieter Schulte, the union confederation chief, has a fourpoint programme: ☐ Employers and unions in individual east German firms have declared their readiness to agree wage increases below the nationally agreed levels. Wage demands from the unions will be sensitive to the precarious financial situation of different employers. ☐ Companies will buy in more of their supplies from east German producers. ☐ The Government will extend its investment support until the end of 2004. ☐ All sides will do their bit to reduce production costs and improve productivity. Produc-

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Swedes

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By Roger Boyes

THE rampant sex life of Swedes, one of the great myths of modern times, has taken a battering in

the most comprehensive

survey since the 1960s when the country was famed for its promiscuous couples and athletic "por-

According to the Stock-

holm Institute for Popular

Health, more than half of

Swedish men and women

claim to be sexually dissat-

isfied, complaining of low libido, impotence and

problems in achieving

ish women claim to have had an affair during their

married lives and a third, well below the figures in

the sex survey of 1967, of males admit to having

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changed since the 1960s.

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Kremlin leader says he will personally supervise changes in military

Yeltsin sacks defence chief for failing to reform army

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

A FURIOUS President Yeltsin yesterday sacked the Russian Defence Minister and the armed forces' chief of staff and vowed that other heads would roll if urgently needed military reforms were not introduced. In an explosive televised ssion of the Defence Coun-

cil, the Russian leader shook with anger as he berated Igor Rodionov, the Defence Minis-ter, for being lazy and incom-petent during his ten-month

I am simply not satisfied, I am outraged at the course of reform in the army and the state of the military in gener-al," said the Kremlin leader, as he pounded the table with his fist and glared at Mr Rodionov, who stood head bowed in glum silence.

You have done a bad job." he said. "You should be telling me today what you have done. You have nothing to say. Many of you will not be here if you proceed like this."

The outburst was triggered by the military's failure to introduce any real reforms, in spite of its disastrous campaign in Chechnya and its failure to pay, equip or train

men in uniform. Reformists in the Kremlin led by Yuri Baturin, the main presidential military adviser, have long advocated making deep cuts in personnel and turning the military into a Western-style professional army. Mr Yeltsin wants the reforms completed by the turn of the century.

been resisted by the top brass, whose ranks would be the first to be cut and who argue that

establishing a professional force would require additional funding, which the Government does not want to spend. Mr Yeltsin is clearly livid, however, about the recent daily reports of corruption in the armed forces, which have led to the sacking of several senior officers and the impris-

onment earlier this week of a Deputy Defence Minister. "Soldiers get thinner and generals get fatter," said Mr Yeltsin, who is also Russia's supreme commander. "Generals have built dachas all over Russia. Generals are not interested in reorganising the army because they may lose their privileges. They are the main



Igor Rodionov, who was dismissed for ten months of "laziness and incompetence", although supporters claimed he had been made a scapegoat

army reforms." Mr Yeltsin said he would personally supervise reforms in the military and he has ordered that a report outlining the reform process be ready for discussion by June 25.

"All government bodies

tary reform," he said. "If a day passes when nothing has been done for the army, the day is

The Russian President appointed General Igor Serge-yev, 60, the head of the strategic rocket forces, to become acting Defence Minister. General Viktor Chechevatov,

52, the former commander of the Far East military district and a long-time Kremlin favourite, was appointed as the new head of the general staff to replace General Viktor

Liberal politicians praised Mr Yeltsin for finally tackling reform head on, while oppo-

Samsonov.

nents condemned the move as a further weakening of the country's crumbling defences. Aleksandr Lebed, the former paratroop general and presidential hopeful, said Mr Rodionov had allowed himself to become the President's

scapegoat. Gennadi Zyuganov, the

Communist Party leader, said Mr Yeltsin should be the one facing dismissal for "ruining "The President has left the army without pay, without new weapons, without apartments. He got everything into a mess, but does not want to

memorably. Three Swedish Girls on I biza, contributed to an image of healthy blond people ready to get off their bikes Belarus and Russia prepare to and cast aside their inhibitions after the first aquavit. Now it seems that either the Swedish sexual revolution never existed, or it has simply fizzled out. times. But Mr Yeltsin was

> indicates that a third of all Swedish women have lost all interest in sex. The average number of sexual partners for a Swedish male is seven: for a woman, five. And if the Swedish film industry is to be believed, that number of partners could have been the result of a fortnight's holiday rather than

The comparative survey

Moscow cuts island garrison

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

RUSSIA will withdraw some Hokkaido, on a visit to the islands. The dispute over the islands, called the South Kuof its troops from islands at the heart of a perennial terri-

Japanese island of Hokkaido, were seized by Soviet troops in the closing days of the war.



islands to 3,500 by 1995, but be did not speak about more cuts. Yukihiko Ikeda, the Japanese Foreign Minister, will be in Moscow this weekend talks with President

sign watered-down union pact PRESIDENT Lukashenko of Belarus flew to Moscow yes-

for union.

terday to put the final touches to a much-trumpeted charter of union between his country and Russia, which he is due to sign with President Yeltsin

Aimed originally at reforging the political, military and economic links that bound the two countries together in has since beeen watered down so much as to represent little more than a declaration of intent, which does far more to highlight the discrepancies between them than set any basis

Even as far as intent is concerned, Mr Lukashenko's ideas are at variance with Mr Yeltsin's. The Russian leader has spoken of an eventual merger, under which Belarus would simply be absorbed by Russia in a new federation,

circumspect in his comments at the start of yesterday's talks. We will agree on everything that is necessary. We will not make decisions that could contradict the interests of our countries and peoples," he

Mr Lukashenko was also uncharacteristically low-key. suggesting that his visit amounted to no more than a formality. "I have come to seal de jure what has already been



reveals how he created the new Jurassic Park

IN CULTURE THIS WEEKEND

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Murder and a mother's anguish e kidnapping, torture and brutal death of the 17 super old

The kidnapping, torture and brutal death of the 17-year-old daughter of a famous singer has shaken Taiwan and highlighted the country's gangster connections, reports Jonathan Mirsky

he torture and mur-der of a 17-year-old girl is threatening the stability of Taiwan's Government In unprecedented demonstrations, tens of thousands of people have demanded an end to the escalating kidnaps and murders which reveal the links between the authorities and the island's

It is no wonder that women parents, social workers and teachers are besides themselves, and that last Sunday 50,000 of them again took to the streets of Taipei, Taiwan's capital. Since 1902 the violent crime rate in Taiwan, with its population of 21 million, has tripled. There were 98 kidnappings, often of children. in 1995; 156 in 1996, and at least 40 this spring. Some of Taiwan's best-known people

The kidnappings have been punctuated by murders. Last November Liu Pang-you, a county police chief, was at home with seven guests. All were killed, one by one, with single shots through their heads. In December Peng Wan-ju, a feminist and politician, was raped and murdered.

But what tipped the ghastly mess into the streets was the particularly brutal killing of 17-year-old Pai Hsiao-yen. She was the daughter of Pai Pingping, a famous singer and television personality, who now blames the Government, the police and the press for her

The 50,000 demonstrators last Sunday, were furious, shouting "murderer" and call-ing for President Lee Teng-hui

The authorities observe that they solve a majority of violent



never paid. There was a police fire-fight with suspected kid-

nappers who escaped, and on

April 28 Hsiao-yen was found

battered and dead in a drain-

age ditch, weighted down with

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if they are, as claimed, up to

the American FBI's standard. Ms Pai blames the press for

breaking its code of not report-

Ms Pai blames the Govern-

chains and a hammer.

crime cases and that the police have been given the latest equipment. One chilling answer is that some of the most spectacular murders remain unsolved and many kidnappings go unreported because, as is almost invariably the case on Taiwan, families of kidnap victims pay up quickly and say nothing afterwards.

This arrangement did not work with Pai Hsiao-yen. She was probably tortured and murdered within days of her disappearance but not before her captors sent her mother photographs of the half-naked girl bound and gagged, and others of a severed finger. They wanted a ransom of more than £3 million. It was

ing kidnappings until they are over. In this case, she claims. they followed her everywhere, even using a helicopter, and from April 26 until April 28 there were hourly television

During the terrible wait for news of her daughter, Ms Pai called on the Government to shift its attention from Taiwan's international position to domestic problems. President Lee's reputation was damaged by reports that he told his inner advisers that foreign affairs were indeed more important than a teenager's killng, and suggesting that the mother was part of a political

conspiracy to discredit him.

Although President Lee soon called on Ms Pai with his wife to express their sorrow for the girl's death, it was too late. The public was furious. The President's secretary an-nounced that Mr Lee took full responsibility for public safety, and apologised to Taiwan's people for not having acted vigorously enough in the Pai case and others.

It is the others, obscure compared with Hsiao-yen, that explain why the President's apology seemed paltry. In October 1995, a boy was snatched from his house in Kaohsiung, a city in Taiwan's south. After a brief telephone conversation with his mother, in which he begged her to pay ter's plight. The police, she his captors, the boy was never says, tried to persuade her not seen again. His mother says it took 18 months for the police to gled the search. Taiwan kidissue a missing persons' renappers of the sort who snatched her daughter now

And, just before Pai Hsiaoyen was kidnapped, a boy was seized in a Taipei suburb. The kidnappers demanded almost £800,000 but, probably panicked by the uproar attending Hsiao-yen's abduction, they killed the boy.

t is this kind of thing which caused the May demonstrations in Taipei. On May 4, 50,000 people went into the streets, one of the largest crowds ever not connected to election campaigns, during which competing parties are skilled at mobilising their supporters.

On May 8, Ma Ying-jeou. the former Justice Minister then Mini Portfolio, resigned, saying: "A series of recent crimes makes me feel deeply ashamed as a Cabinet minister." He accused many of his colleagues of putting private interests ahead of public ones, a reasonable charge in a country where hundreds of Nationalist Party elected officials have been indicted for criminal connections - but remain free.

President Lee declared last week, and again on Sunday, that Premier and Vice-President Lien Chan would leave office in July, and said he would shake up his Cabinet. But it is believed that Mr Lee is grooming Mr Lien to succeed him in the elections in the year 2000, and that the Premier's departure is not an actual sign The Nationalists may not be best modern technology.

Pair blames the Government

"Freelancers and profes

sionals. Most of the real

brutality comes from the

freelancers. The professionals

- 'men of honour' they call

themselves - are disgusted by

murders like the Pai girl's.

They are volunteering to help

The professionals. Mr Chiang says, wait for "con-

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in a position to win in three years. They hold a mere twovote majority in the Legislature and could lose their overwhelming strength in local governments, where many seats were won corruptly. The kidnappings and murders have highlighted the ruling party's symbiotic relanonship with gangsters, a link established in the 1920s when Chiang Kai-shek, who succeeded Sun Yat-sen as Nationalist leader, was sponsored by Shanghai's most notorious carresters, the Ching Bang, or Green Gang.

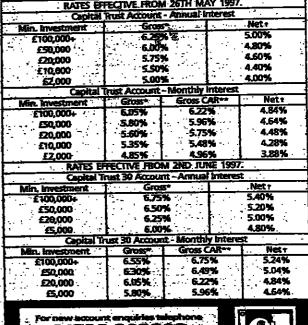
"Everything is coming together." says Antonio Chiang. one of Taiwan's best investigative journalists and editors: The police, corruption, a political power struggle, disappointment with President Lee.

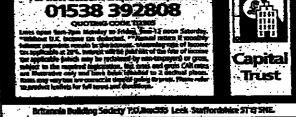
miles across the Taiwan the gangster connections of the Straits, by smugglers' boats. Nationalists and the accumu-"It's the rich that the gang-sters are after, and they know lation of so many cases. It's a real threat to the Nationalist the families will pay without Party. It's not enough to telling the police, whom no one trusts," says Jean-Pierre Cabestan, a French China specialist who lives much of apologise and reshuffle the Cabinet. We have 80,000 police and an FBI equivalent of 2,000 men. They've got the the time in Taipei. They think the police won't catch the Mr Chiang says there are two kinds of kidnappers:

kidnappers or, if they do, the victim will already have been killed. No one trusts the Govemment, either. They know that Pai Ping-ping went straight to her high-level friends in the Government when her daughter was kidnapped — and the girl was killed. Public opinion against the authorities is very hot." Antonio Chiang sees what

he calls "a dangerous game". The kidnappers, he says "teil the victims' families to go to such a street, such a river, such a mountain. Sometimes the police are tapping the phones. One victim, Wu Dung-jin, was from a very rich family. His wife knew the police were in the know and she did everything she could to put the police off the track. She paid and got her husband back. But around the same time that Pai Ping-ping's daughter was kidnapped, so was another girl. The family was willing to pay. But the gangsters panicked and killed her. At least they've been arrested. But the fact is the police are more interested in breaking the cases than the safety of the victims. Another fact is the gangster support for the ruling party.



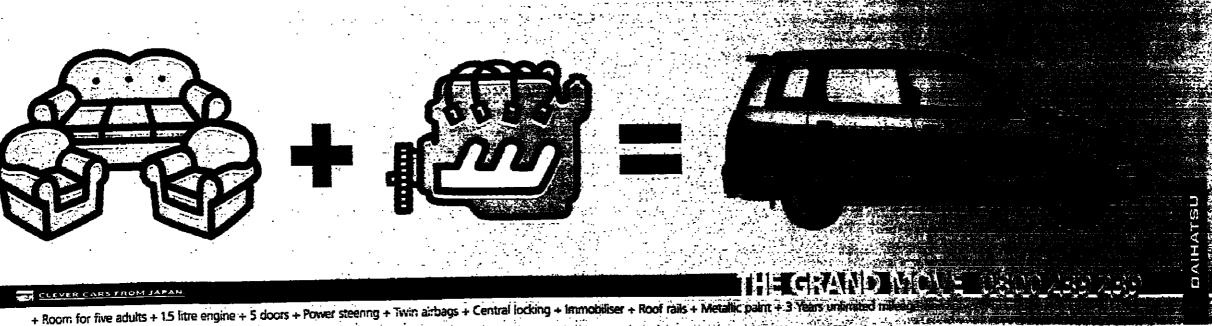






left, who was sent a photo of a severed finger by the captors of her daughter, Pai Hsiao-yen, right

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That's why the Lady's had enough

The conflicting claims of battered wives and battered families left Lady Parker with no choice but to resign from a charity that she supported.

Lady Parker from Refuge, the estimable organisation that provides shelter for battered wives, is a rum business. Gill Parker, wife of Sir Peter, a working GP for 35 years, the mother of four successful children, witty and well-connected, is an asset to a charitable letterhead, an adominent to a committee. Few charitable fund-raising events could match the flair and style of Lady Parker's

She joined Refuge when it was still Chiswick Women's

Christmas concert and dinner in an old Battersea school-

house (home of her actor son

They go along and destroy their families at a stroke'

Aid, founded by Erin Pizzey 25 years ago when nobody questioned a man's right to knock his wife about. Refuge has long teetered on the brink of financial collapse. But Sandra Horley, its director, gathered natrons such as Diana. Princess of Wales, and Cherie Booth QC, whose fine speeches were vital, Lady Parker says, in raising the awareness. of people who still think a woman "must enjoy it, or they

Then, three years ago Lady Parker became trustee of False Memory Society, which she now chairs. False memory denotes the phenomenon whereby (usually) young women "discover" through therapy that they were sexually abused as children and, emboldened by their thera- existence to epidemic frequenpists, confront their parents



with terrible accusations, allegedly dredged from the recesses of memory. This happened to a friend of Lady Parker's, a man who believes that his wife's death was hastened by their daughter's wild allegations.

There has been a phenomenal escalation in psychotherapy and counselling in recent years. "It comes straight from America, where you have a therapist as you might have a dentist; and it's very attractive to vulnerable young women, typically middle-class girls who can afford it.

"So along you go, with any kind of problem, anxiety or boylizend trouble, and the pyschotherapist suggests that your father probably abused you. Tell me about your parents, they say. Oh very. nice affectionate ... 'How affectionate?' And if you say Nothing wrong, they say you're in denial, which is unanswerable, if you are emotionally weak. They haven't the confidence to reply 'No I'm bloody well not. It all comes from Freud, this idea of

And once you have been persuaded to say 'My daddy abused me', it escalates: you then say your mother colluded

The psychotherapist says you must face your parents about this, and then you will be free, a survivor instead of a victim'. So they go along and destroy their families at a stroke. It is the most destructive thing." Volumes of confes sional material such as The Courage to Heal, in which victims reveal fantastic childhood experiences: multiple rape, bestiality, satanic rituals etc, have now been published. There is also a respectable another charity, the British - body of scientific literature pointing out the fallacy of such discovered memories, and questioning how a single diag--unconsciously rechildhood - can have grown in a decade from virtual non-

cy. It is invariably therapy-

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induced. It is deployed for a miscellany of complaints. And it invites patients to choose the victim role. (The notion of overcoming life's slings and arrows, the grandmotherly precept of "Rise above it dear" is out of style in the late 20th "People ask me: 'But how do

you know those parents are not a bunch of paedophiles? Nobody denies that there is sexual abuse, a very terrible

thing. And there is such a thing as being in denial. People can forget or repress one big, awful trauma. But we have never met a case of a woman who has been sexually abused over a long period of time who has forgotten it," Lady Parker says.

Some of the accusers recall being abused at six months old. Well, there isn't even a memory seat in the brain the hippocampus — until you're about four. Almost certainly, the memories before that come from adapting what you have been told."

The British False Memory Society's director, Roger Scotford, is himself an accused parent. His advisory board includes figures such as Prof Larry Weiskrantz, Emeritus Professor of Psychology at Oxford, an authority on memory; and Professor Patrick Bateson, provost of King's. Cambridge. The society runs a telephone helpline and organises meetings and lectures. At last week's lecture by the American academic Frederick

Crews, 200 people came. Once accusations against parents are made, they are very hard to retract. "Some of our members say 'My daugh-ter has sent me a Christmas card' or 'She's bringing her baby to see me' and we encourage them to keep the door open without insisting on an apology or a retraction first. But by that stage, the parents often say I can't see her again, unless she admits

she was wrong'."

It certainly never struck
Lady Parker that her work with false memory was incompatible with working for Refuge. But in February, Hilary Hannah, Editor of a magazine called Women at Work (its letterhead says "Part of the Thought Chain"), withdrew its support for Refuge after reading of Lady Parker's connection with false memory. She wrote to Sandra Horley, explaining that some people on of sexual abuse. Ms Horley

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wrote back dissociating Refuge completely from the work of the False Memory Society: some of her staff, too, are the survivors of sexual abuse, she explained.

Lady Parker reasons

"Some accusers recall being abused at six months. There isn't even a memory seat in the brain until you're about four. The memories before that come from adapting what you have been tol

both groups - the beaten wife and the falsely accused parent - need help. Rightly, she found the inference that her false memory work could be construed as condoning incestuous paedophilia rather chill-ing. She had no option but to resign in a state of gloom; and she was followed by two other stalwarts of the Refuge board, Lady Rayne and Lady

Browne-Wilkinson. "It seems that the committed feminist is honour bound to believe what a woman says.

> I'm deeply sorry. The cause of Refuge is close to my heart'

And I know that child sex abuse happens. But what about the mothers who are accused by their daughters? They are of the sisterhood, too. It is not controversial to say that the sudden spate of these accusations may not all be

Lady Parker had enough experience of listening to patients' woes as a GP, to discern when people were mentally ill and needed psychiatric help. She herself is emotionally robust, a role model for any working mother. As Gillian Rowe-Dutton, medical student at Oxford, she caught the eye of Kenneth Tynan one day. Smitten, Tynan sent her a note inviting her to tea. They were not an obvious match: Gill was a country girl, and "I felt there was nothing of the

country about Ken at all, not a blade of grass." But soon their engagement was announced; Tynan made a habit of getting engaged. When she left him, he wrote her a long recriminadiplomat father. A row ensued, during which Tynan slapped her face "very hard". It was the only time she was ever hit by anyone.

uckily, the dashing and more dependable Peter Parker hove into her life and they have been married for 45 years. With four adult children doing well — Oliver writing films. Nat soon to start filming Far From The Madding Crowd, Lucy running a company called Professional Presentations, and Alan running his financial PR outfit, the Parkers can be said to have come

of parenthood. They have recently moved into a high-ceilinged Kensington flat, with a patch of lawn so tiny you could cut it with nail-scissors. (Her more famous Oxfordshire garden at Minster Lovell, about which she wrote a book, The Purest of Pleasures, is open on June I.) The walls are covered in the drawings of William Blake, Sir Peter's passion. The flat was the scene of a spirited party on election night: Lady Parker has never voted any thing but Labour and she feels invigorated by the sense of a

admirably through the trials

new dawn. In this uplifting atmosphere, it is all the more galling to discover that she cannot work on behalf of both battered wives and battered families. Must one area of good work cancel out the other?"I am deeply sorry," she says, "because the cause of Refuge is very close to my heart. But so are they both." Luckily, she does chair one other charitable committee: the Friends of Oxford Botanic Garden. That, at least, is unlikely to turn round and bite her on the shins.



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Philip Howard



Do you need a microeconomic regulator? I do

e wish the upwardly mobile Howard Davies lots of luck in his new role as Censor of the City and Macroeconomic Maecenas. Not that he needs us. He will do the job better than the present regime of old-boy watchdogs, who are as blind as Argus and bark like a basenji, the Congolese hunting dog distinguished for never doing anything in the night-time: it cannot bark. Those City poodles are as thick as two short Jack Russells, to boot. (To boot is the only thing to do with Jack Russells in some yappenstances, but mind your ankles.) Even the Spice Girls would make more efficient regulators than the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street.

But however successful Mr Davies is, he is not going to make a difference to those who are not merchant bankers, utility fat cats or City sharks. What most of us need even more than a macroeconomic regulator is a microeconomic regulator, to help us with the financial and economic problems of everyday life. Such as the new do-it-yourself incometax returns. These expensively customerised Inland Revenue books with question boxes in reddish colours are useless to those of us who are colour-blind. And the instructions on how to fill them in are as tedious as the instructions for contributors to the New Dic-tionary of National Biography. Who wants to read 80 pages of type for a job that will not earn enough to pay tax on, even if you could identify the box to tick? I blame Plato. He taught generations that what mattered in life was to be a philosopher-king, or at any rate a philosopher-princeling. And that form-filling, accountancy and economics were "ban-

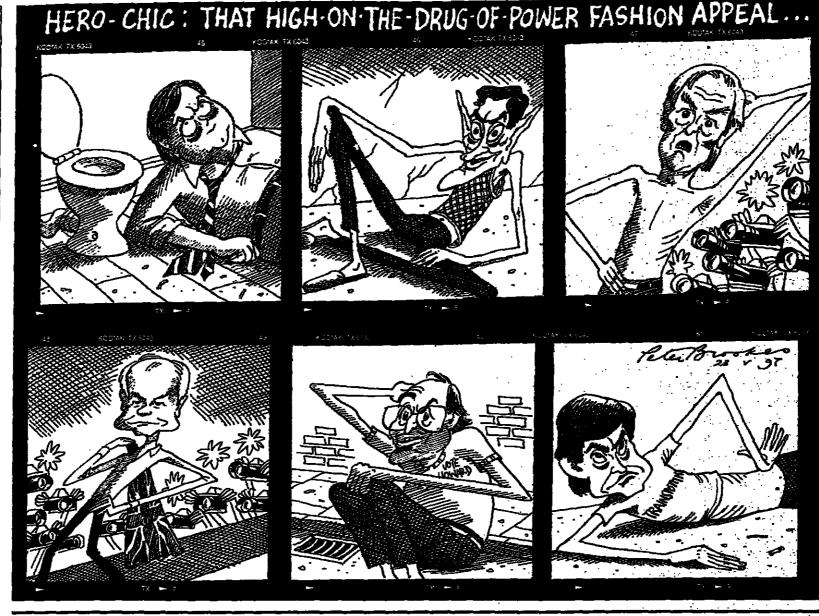
ausic", that is working-class, trades.

While at the ballet, my attention wandered while the dancer was whirling around simulating Anna Andersen having a Freudian slip about whether she was really Anastasia Romanov. And my attention said: "You are skint. That means no money for scrummaging for overpriced drinks in the crush bar, thank the Tsar. Remember to draw some cash from the hole-in-the-wall tomorrow. And wouldn't it be a laugh if you had forgotten your pin-number, as Anastasia has, not surprisingly in the circs, forgotten her unhappy past?

So I slept on it. And the pin-numbers danced round my head from ear left to ear right. And six of them kept on coming back, like the corps de ballet, in different sequence. So at dawn I inserted my plastic Open Sesame, and tapped in the numbers in various permutations. Jack Russells barked and tugged. The machine flashed "Wrong Number, Consult Your Branch" twice, and then swallowed the plastic. So I blubbed a bit, and then walked on manfully round the Serpentine, keeping Russells well clear of William and Mary and their new cygnets. And, of course, my pin-number came back as certain as the nine-times table by the Round Pond. Four numbers, not six. But at least I still had a credit card, and

£1.57 in small change in pockets and crumby crevices of my Puffer. Except that on Sunday, in Suffolk, i removed my wallet in order to play cricket, football and baseball better with small boys. And forgot to recover it before the homeward tide. And so there was no way to pay for a petrol fill-up at Hendon, All week I have been queueing for the Tube instead of sailing through with my season ticket. All week I have had to work laboriously through Wapping immigration instead of striding into the word laboratory with my passport. My bank branch is 450 twisted miles away in Ayrshire. The Circle Line was held up for an hour by a corgi on the line. Finances are not just parlous. They are as barren as a spindoctor's soundbite.

So I need my microeconomic regulator to manage these banausic details of life so that I can get on with the Platonism of daily journalism. I was once given a personal organiser. but I left it on the Underground the same day while absorbed in the crossword. Perhaps some test-tube could clone Howard Davies so that each of us philosopher-kings could have our own personal regulator. This sounds like the Englishman's eternal nostalgia for the nursery discipline of a stern Nanny or Scottish Granny. But even if we each had a personal regulator, how could we manage to remember his pin-number and not to leave him on the Tube?



Hague blots his copybook

The irony is delectable. In attacking John Major as a trimmer, William Hague has proved himself a trimmer. Calling for boldness because he was under pressure to look bold, he has shown a yellow streak I never knew he had. Perhaps Mr Major, believing Mr Hague must advance his prospects however he can, did not mind. I do not care. It was not courteous, it was not dignified, to speak as Mr Hague did.

Running scared from what people might say - that he was in sympathy with a former Prime Minister in whose Cabinet he had, until weeks ago, been happy to serve - he has confirmed the worst fears we might have entertained of him: that William Hague is just another ambitious politician, ready to fill the sails of his ambition with the wind of prevailing prejudice.
Using that speech on Wednesday to

wound (but not quite, by naming John Major, to strike). Mr Hague reminded me of the classroom swot who pulls a face at an unpopular boy in order to ingratiate himself with the play-ground bullies. This does not foreshadow decisive leadership. For a 36year-old newcomer to the world of political grown-ups to sully his campaign for the leadership with a sideswipe at a senior colleague who is still his leader, who leads with dignity, who has just endured one of the most difficult premierships in modern history, fol-lowed by a gruelling general election, and who must be downcast at its results. was cheap.

The logic - no, let us not spoil the word "logic" by lending it to the ser-vice of this spiteful little Tory leadership contest — the play is obvious; so obvious that even Tory MPs can see it. The rationale behind Mr Hague's denunciation of the leader to whom he owes his ministerial career is that thumbing his nose at John Major will make him new friends. He wants to ingratiate himself with Mr Major's detractors in the Conservative Party.

Take care, William. Remember what Mother said about pulling faces at people? If the wind changes while you're doing it, your grimace may stick. Well, the wind has just changed.

Why did he do it? Oh, it's all so depressingly feeble. Someone has whis-pered in Mr Hague's ear. There's a little problem. William. Some of the lads are muttering that you are John's protégé. The phrase "son of Major" has

The rising hope of stern, unbending Tories has snubbed the man to whom he owes it all

been heard in the Commons smoking

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"Now what you need to do [at this point, in what passes for a modern conversation about political principle, a pencil and paper are produced to sketch arrows and links and overlapping circles is make a sort of . . . growling noise to please the people in this circle, but not loud enough to upset the people in that circle, hopefully bringing some of this circle into your circle, without moving your circle away from that

Geddit? Just a little growl. Perhans a word which may serve as a coded signal, such as "fudge" — or

fudge"? They'll guess what you mean. Lobby correspondents will tug your friends' sleeves and ask them to confirm it. And your friends will reply

how about moving

with something terribly subtle, such as "make of it what you will", tapping their noses and looking significant. like that clever Mr Mandelson who's done so much for the

Labour Party.
"But what". asks Mr Hague, "will John think of me? I mean, what people whisper is true. He probably does support me. I was his protégé. He brought me on. For years he's been telling journalists how good I am. I owe him a

lot. This is no way to show gratitude."

Ah. that's the problem, just what people lear, you see: that you're the anointed successor. Kiss of death. Which is why it's so important to knock the idea on the head. John will forgive you, for heaven's sake, William. He knows how this game is played. He'd probably prefer you to distance yourself from him, if

"But what about his supporters out there in the constituencies? All those nice old ladies who have taken a shine to me? They stayed loyal to him until the end. Am I not letting them down? What will they think, to hear me talking like

this now? They'll wonder a bit, William, But if עמע don't actually mention John - just say "fudge" instead - they'll blame the BBC for stirring this up and give you the benefit of the doubt. They want to like you. You can say something nice in your acceptance speech. Once you're leader they'll eat out of your hands."

Oh how I hate this mean calculating thing we are learning to recognise as the new politics! They call it cunning, but it is so transparent. They call it clever, but it is stultifying. They call it effective, but it is self-defeating. We have arrived at the political equivalent of painting-by-numbers. Never mind the argument, never mind ideas, courage, imagination: listen to the focus groups. join up the dots. Study the instructions

and note which squares need to be coloured slightly pink, and which slightly blue and which left blank. Apply the necessary shadings — and lo! you have a portrait of yourself in the pur-

ple of leadership! This is the politics to which, over seven years, John Major was forced to descend. He made the descent with skill. with a flimsy majority and the pistols of the Bastards at his back, and a constant need to keep a working administration working; he had to. A Euro-friendly nod here, a Eurosceptical curse there. A kiss for Lady Thatcher and a pat on the shoulder for Ted Heath. A late-night burning of the lamps as the last tortured touches were made to the vacuous formulae by which he might stitch his mutinous crew together for one more

nd he always did. Another day was won. But something was lost. "Fudge", dear William, was not the problem. Every leader needs fudge when disclosing his hand imperils the mission. Should you become leader, we will not mind if you fudge from time to time. Indeed, we trust you know how to. But in the integrity of the mission, in the integrity of the missionary, we have to believe. Somewhere along the way, humiliated by the need to keep his ear always to the ground. John Major lost personal credibility. If you, William, are now to bow to our every whim; if you are to say things to please phantoms and unsay things to please phantoms; if you are to play King of the Kids; if you are to advance, not with your fists raised for battle, but with a moistened finger held up to the wind of backbench opinion then what is to choose between you and Michael Howard?

The next leader of the Conservative Party must brave slings and arrows of every sort, but one advantage over his predecessor will be his. He will not need to cobble together daily coalitions within his own party to win votes. The arithmetic ceases to matter. Bill Cash. Teddy Taylor, Teresa Gorman . . . these phantoms have lost their power to torment and interest in them wanes. The next shepherd does not need to round up every last sheep for every last vote. This confers on him the opportunity to stride ahead.

What I believe the parliamentary, party is now looking for is someone who will tell them what to do. In their hearts - and whatever they say to journalists they seek command more than they seek any particular set of commandments. They will prize the quality of the demands made by any leader more than they will prize the concordance of his own opinions and theirs. They will respect a candidate for the leadership if he were to tell them he was proud of the last Government's record and would have no truck with recriminations over

They will respect a candidate who has the intellectual confidence to stand up to. them when he thinks they are wrong. They will argue with him — but within-the cover of the folded ballot paper they may also vote for him. If I believed Mr Hague had long groaned under the lash of a Cabinet with which he was all out of accord, that he had always believed John Major should declare his hand on Europe and split his Government, then I would respect him for saying so now - al-though I would have respected him more for not accepting office in that Cabinet.

But I do not believe it. I think Mr Hague said what he said on Wednesday because somebody told him it was a way of securing support from a faction from within the party. Sod them William! And — who knows? — if you had been brave enough to tell them so, some of them might even have voted

Full steam ahead for HMS Euro

John Lloyd urges Blair to enter EMU in the first wave

he parcel has been passed, and the music has stopped. The largest question in British politics is in Labour's hands now. Will we, and when will we, join the economic and monetary union? Labour has already changed the question by narrowing it. The question is no longer if, but when. Tony Blair has made this clear; Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, has made it clearer: Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, has acknowledged it. We know they differ in their views, but the line can be held without problem.

So the readiness - or unreadiness is all. Are we ready to enter? No minister will do other than parrot the line: they have much to do, and the decision may not yet have been made. No one has any interest in dispelling the view that entry in the first wave, beginning January 1999, is other than a very long shot.
But a little wind is blowing in the

opposite direction. It is worth looking at what straws are being blown by it.

The Government is at pains to be
Euro-friendly. Blair will go to Nordwijk
today to meet his fellow EU heads of government to be feted, to be flattered and to flatter. He will tell them that Britain's signing of the social chapter does not mean that we will continue to import uncompetitive labour practices - but he will say it in a constructive fashion, as a friend within rather than an enemy without — and he will find some agreement, too. At the final meeting of the inter-governmental conference in Amsterdam next month, he may reach a deal with the others that allows Britain to keep control over itsborders while the others agree to common control: he aiready has a better chance of doing this than his predeces sor. Friendliness and style, have their limits. But they count for something.

Tony Blair's most significant appointment to the Government from outside of the ranks of Labour MPs was Sir David Simon, the former head of BP, now Minister for European Trade and spokesman on Treasury matters in the Lords. Simon is on the Europhile wing of British business: in an essay pub lished earlier this year by the Centre for European Reform, he wrote that "as members of the monetary union, we would have the opportunity to rebuild our competitive strength, to hone our confidence and to enter the next century with optimism grounded in reality -rather than in an uncertain mood

steeped in nostalgia". His former colleagues in the CBI are now being asked what they think about entering a monetary union. The exercise continues, but early indications are that they strongly favour it — and favour entry in the first wave. The TUC is already officially committed to early entry. It matters less: a senior official muttered to me earlier this week that it would be better if the unions opposed it, in which case the Government might join to show that it is independent of the unions. One can see his point, but he is wrong: the TUC's position will reassure old Labour, and old Labour is far from insignificant in the Government.

It now seems likely that monetary union will not merely go ahead, but will include almost everyone who wishes to be in. The decision by the Germans to revalue their gold reserves in order to meet the entry criteria may be creative accounting, but if so, it puts them in the same league as the Italians and the Spanish Germany can hardly argue for the exclusion of the Latins if it is prepared to unbend to such an extent. The indications are that it is coming round to accepting the inevitability of Italian and Spanish entry: if so, and if we were to remain outside, we would be left with perhaps only the Scandinavian states for company.

eports of Gordon Brown's speech to the CBI on Tuesday were swamped by his earlier announcement about stripping the Bank of England of its regulatory authority: but it was a fascinating speech. He sought to redefine Britishness as fair. enterprising and above all outward-looking and self-confident - in explicit contradiction to what he saw as the narrow insularity of the Thatcher and Major years. He underlined the necessity of Britain's commitment to Europe: "We are in for the long term; we are in to stay." Britain, he said, could not revert to being part of a free trade area: nor could it become a European Hong Kong. A decision on monetary union meeds to be taken on the basis of intelligent, well-informed debate among all our people." He commended the CBI for conducting a consulation on EMU which he knows, will recommend early

Mr Brown is incomparably the most powerful minister in the land after Mr Blair. The early shape of the Government is two-plus-two: that is, Messrs Blair and Brown first, Robin Cook and Jack Straw as big players in the next circle, with Peter Mandelson construct-ing a new role and John Prescott set to

prove himself. The little breeze whispers in Mr Blair's ear "Do it now". Now, when the national mood is with you. Now, when the Conservatives are riven and squabbling. Now, when Britain's competitiveness and economic standing is so high. Now, when the monetary union is not an election issue -- as it may prove to be if

we wait for a second round Do it now! Write history in bold strokes while the hand is relatively free! It is a temptation. The traffic may not be able to bear it: the press has not been squared: the people are not prepared. It is a long shot, still But it runs, still.

Heath fire

LIGHT shines at last on the complicated financial affairs of Sir Edward Heath, He has been paid nearly £400,000 for his memoirs. Last week, it emerged that Hodder Headline had bought the still unfinished work, but as news of what it has paid crept out, even publishing's doughtiest lunchers found themselves pushing away their crême brulée in shock.

Ever since he was forced out of office in 1975, Sir Edward has toyed with the idea of his memoirs as if it was a prawn ball at a Chinese banquet In 1985, he signed a deal with Weidenfeld. Nine years on, a few documents had been assembled down at Sir Edward's Salisbury home, but the typewriter lay quiet and the deal quietly evaporated.

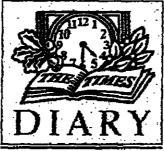
Then in 1994, a team of young Heathites was assembled under the former Daily Telegraph gossip columnist Charles de Lisle to reconstruct the former Prime Minister's life, from yachting and conducting to Westminster and the art of leaving blanks in the Register of Members' Interests. A 60-page synopsis was presented to publishers at the end of March.

and the bidding began. In no time, the price had shot beyond the £250,000 estimate, "It was the best synopsis we have ever seen, said Roland Philipps. Hodder's non-fiction publishing director. He promises the book will be huge, though rivals expect it to be a slow-burner, selling steadily for years, rather than an

Oasis

THERE'S little chance of the Prince of Wales being caught out





by a hosepipe ban at Highgrove this summer. He has spent thousands of pounds installing a computer-operated drip-watering system for his veg patch and

Buckingham Palace is reluctant to comment on the specifies of the irrigation system, but some details emerge in this month's issue of the Prince's magazine. Perspectives. Among beneficiaries of the up-

market sprinkler will be the Prince's vegetables, planted in consultation with the royal chels. They include ornamental lettuces, the purple Brussels sprout Falstaff, some 18th-century carrots which are coloured purple, white and yellow, and a substantial quota of potatoes.

The Prince also turns out to be one of the few gardeners to persevere with the notoriously difficult Highland Burgundy Red potato. But with a watering system esti-

mated by experts to have cost some £30,000 to lay, his spuds should be safe this year.

Unfinished

AN INVITATION has arrived at Conservative Central Office for Charles Lewington, the dearly de-parted head of press. It is from The Public Relations Finishing School", an outfit which organises seminars such as "How to Handle a Crisis" - theory and practice with talks on how to keep negative press coverage to a minimum. organise crisis press conferences and what to say when things go wrong, "how to get 'good news' in the press", and "how to get coverage for un-newsworthy products". All this might have been more useful about two months ago.

No Khan do

DUTY comes before pleasure for Jemima Khan, wife of the former Pakistan cricket captain, who is in Lahore with her friend Diana, Princess of Wales, for the launch of a £17 million campaign in aid of

Imran's charity cancer hospital. On Friday, she failed to show up for a party at the Goldsmith family home in Ham, which she was supposed to be co-hosting with her friend Laetitia Cash, drama queen



and daughter of the Eurosceptic MP William.

"It was a bit disappointing," said one of her many invitees, she had hoped to be there but I think the charity launch happened sooner than she had expected. She wanted to see her father in France before she went back to Pakistan, so she couldn't be at

the party." Lactitia apparently took her friend's absence in poor humour. Highly strung as a result of the pressure of hosting the party, she inevitably became more and more agitated. By the end of the evening



Laetitia Cash and the absent Jemima

she could have been forgiven for throwing the odd vol-au-vent.

> In the turmoil of Kinshasa at the weekend, the British were an oasis of civilisation. When the press corps turned up on the manicured lawns of the Embassy to ask whether the Ambassador would whether the Ambassaaar would recognise Laurent Kabila's newly named Republic of the Congo, a diplomat replied: "Good God man, the Foreign Office can't pos-sibly decide that — it's a Sunday."

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DUTCH AUCTION

The Prime Minister should be wary at Noordwijk

Tony Blair will be warmly greeted and gently treated at Noordwijk today. He and his Government have done much to earn the warm greeting; the Prime Minister arrives at his first European summit bearing gifts which go well beyond the symbolic.

Gone, for a start, is Britain's Maastricht opt-out on the social chapter, opening up fresh prospects for EU labour legislation under the heading of "working conditions". Gone too are Tory hints of a "London ambush" next year, when Britain assumes the European Union presidency in the vital months when the decision on monetary union is taken. In its place is Robin Cook's promise, reinforced by the actions of Gordon Brown, to do all that Britain can to ensure a smooth EMU launch.

Britain's partners are also more optimistic about the prospects for concluding an Amsterdam treaty revising the Treaty of Rome next month — the subject of the Noordwijk summit. In Britain, the spin doctors may be justified in underlining just how tough the Government is going to be, on a common EU defence policy and on Britain's insistence on a "cast iron" exemption from plans to centralise control over the EU's external frontiers, immigration and asylum and to abolish internal border checks. On both these important fronts, Mr Cook's stance so far is the same as that of Malcolm Rifkind, his predecessor; but, lacking John Major's alibi of a backbench Commons in revolt, Mr Blair may find the bargaining endgame harder.

These arguments are unlikely to come to a head today, partly for lack of time and partly because Britain's partners are so delighted by the Blair appetisers that they will be careful not to pour vinegar all over the main course. But the Prime Minister will be pressed to endorse treaty language committing governments to make the EU a "zone of freedom, security and justice". With such vague aspirations do profound changes in

EU structures begin. The Dutch presidency draft commits governments to giving the Commission a role in the hitherto intergovernmental realm of justice and home affairs within three years, and to the abolition of all internal frontiers within five. Until the small print is agreed, Mr Blair should resist the grand phrase — above all since a Government that has been prepared to relinquish one British opt-out will be under continuing pressure to "renegotiate" any opt-out it may secure at Amsterdam.

Mr Blair's problem is that his colleagues may be unprepared to take no for the real answer. They have been powerfully struck by the novel spectacle of Britain actually being ahead of other countries in offering specific concessions in these negotiations notably by announcing at this stage that it is ready for majority voting in EU councils on the environment, regional policy, research, anti-fraud measures and industrial policy. The Government is also expected to agree to the inclusion of employment promotion as a treaty-based EU objective, with surveillance of each EU state's performance on the lines

of existing EU scrutiny of deficits. The Government's strategy is to be flexible on what it sees as secondary questions, the better to argue its corner on matters of vital national interest - which apparently, and inexplicably, do not include a treaty amendment to end the scandal of quota-hopping by Spanish fishermen in British waters.

"Tough love" was also Mr Major's strategy when he first became Prime Minister. Mr Blair's luck could be better, for one reason: Helmut Kohl is resigned to compromise on virtually everything at Amsterdam, provided he is convinced that EMU is safe. Mr Blair has given him that assurance; but he has yet to explain why he is so keen to assist the chances of a project about which the British electorate has profound misgivings, and on which it has yet to be consulted in the promised referendum.

A TOUCH OF HUBRIS

Success has gone to the Chancellor's head

Six days after Labour won the election, Tony Blair summoned his MPs to Church House to tell them that he would not tolerate arrogance: "We are not the masters. We are the servants of the people." Labour, he said, approached the business of government with a "sense of humility". Just a formight later, that advice seems to have been forgotten by his closest colleague:

It is possible to understand the haste with which the Chancellor announced the independence of the Bank of England. Markets had to be reassured soon after a Labour victory. But for Gordon Brown to tell Eddie George only the day before he told the world that City regulation was to be revolutionised, with banking supervision taken away from the Bank of England, was a serious breach of common courtesy particularly since the Governor had been informed that such a move would take place only after prolonged consultation. That Mr George considered resigning comes, therefore, as no surprise.

Indeed Mr Brown is very lucky that his peremptory behaviour did not force Mr George out. It is only because the Governor is such a conscientious public servant that he decided to stay in his post. He knew, as Mr Brown would surely have realised with a moment's thought, that his resignation would have wiped out the credibility gains that the granting of independence had achieved only the week before.

But to behave badly on the assumption that the victim can be relied upon to behave well is not just had manners. It is a dangerous calculation for a politician to make. The Chancellor seems not quite to

sition and Government. In Opposition, as Mr Blair pointed out on the steps of Downing Street, politicians can only say, not do. And their words have few real consequences. In Government, their actions have effects that must be thought through in advance. Whether or not Mr Brown likes Mr George, whether or not he intends to renew his tenure next year, the Chancellor can ill afford to lose the Governor now.

In Opposition, Mr Brown and his team clearly enjoyed using the weapon of surprise. They liked grabbing headlines with unexpected policy shifts, sometimes to the discomfort of colleagues who learnt about them no earlier than the press. Now they boast of "decisiveness" and "the smack of firm government". Having basked in the success of their early Bank of England announcement, they seem to have become carried away on a wave of machismo.

There were even suggestions from government sources yesterday that Mr George was playing into our hands" by complaining. This, it was said, would make it easier to have him replaced. If the Government is unhappy with Mr George as Governor, it should say so publicly, not in a whispering campaign. If the Chancellor wants to sack his Governor, he should do so. If not, he must back him volubly.

Operational independence has to be accompanied by trust and a certain security of tenure. Otherwise, the independence either will lead to squabbles or it will be a sham. Mr Brown should try to mend fences with the Governor. He might even offer a private apology. In the spirit with which this Government was elected, a little modesty have grasped the difference between Oppo- and humanity would not now go armiss.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Good University Guide offers a diverse menu

Life imitates not only art but sport. Not content with crushing the Dark Blues in the Boat Race for five years in succession, Cambridge have repeated the trick in The Times league table that we publish today. Nor in this case can Oxford claim they have been outflanked by creeping professionalism or unfair foreign imports. Although the battle between the ancient universities claims much of the attention, the overall results speak volumes about the present state of higher education in Britain.

Such an exercise was almost impossible a decade ago. League tables were little known and the idea little loved among academics. Since then they have proliferated both in number and sophistication. Our exercise this year includes no fewer than eight separate indicators of university performance. That will not, of course, prevent many ourside the city of Cambridge claiming that the whole concept is still fundamentally flawed or that we have excluded some obscure but critical element which coincidentally - would boost the standing of

their own institution. Guides are no more than that. But decisions concerning higher education have consequences for the taxpayer as well as personal cost for the individual concerned. Despite some recent shift in resources, Britain still spends a relatively high proportion of its education budget in this area. That in part is due to our continued willingness to allow prospective students a wide choice of locations for study. Other countries provide strong financial pressures to register at the most local establishment. In an era of mass higher education, and a vast array of universities, an informed choice is crucial.

capacity it allows for comparison across modernisation over the past five years than the previous fifty. That has placed considerable strain upon the entire system but produced rewards as well. Some institutions have seen a spectacular improvement in their research or teaching quality. In our own league table. Glasgow Caledonian, a new university, has climbed 28 places since last year while Keele, a rather more familiar institution, shot up 25 slots. Vigorous competition for students must be a major factor behind such dramatic results.

This can hardly be cause for complacency. The issue that should concern Baroness Blackstone, the new higher education minister, and Sir Ron Dearing as his committee conducts its review, is how Britain's universities would compare in an international survey. The evidence there remains mixed, although the results of the last research assessment exercise were encouraging. The global challenge is as important for Cambridge and Oxford as it is for less prestigious bodies. Light and Dark Blues may remain on top for the moment. But, unlike the Boat Race, neither at home nor abroad is the contest restricted to two participants.

A further advantage of information is the time. Universities as a whole have seen more

> his grave with his teeth." Yours faithfully,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Labour's promises on mental health

From the Chief Executive of SANE

Sir, it is disappointing that the new Labour manifesto contained no mention of mental health reform, and the Queen's Speech did not mention it. Yet in February 1996, Alan Milburn (then shadow health minister and now Minister of State at the Department of Health), after discussion with SANE, but forward in a press statement a four-point emergency plan on mental health.

This called for a halt to further psy-chiatric bed closures until appropriate community services have been developed; action to address staff shortages; immediate implementation of the "Care Programme Approach" in all parts of the country; and a change in mental-health funding so that over time money goes where it is most needed. We welcomed this initiative and supported the call for immediate action. Nothing has happened.

Mr Milburn, at that time, said: Mismanagement [of mental health policy] has caused a crisis of public confidence and shanered mental health staff morale. Time and again Government has been warned that radical changes are needed to mental health laws and policy.

The first step is to ensure that there is an effective moratorium on psychiatric bed closures so that the present disgraceful position does not become worse. In the last ten years almost 30,000 beds have been lost, with the result that desperately ill people are denied treatment and are left wandering the streets. One in seven people with serious mental illness takes their

This charity, with others, has been calling for a complete revision of mental health legislation and services because they no longer serve the best interests of sufferers, their families and carers or the general public. The primary legislation, the Mental Health Act (1983), was drafted long before current bed shortages or community care.

We expect the Government to stand by the urgent action it promised on mental health reforms. Do not let mental health become lost again make it top priority. Unless something is done tragedies we hear about every day will continue.

Yours faithfully, MARJORIE WALLACE, Chief Executive.

199-205 Old Marylebone Road, NWI.

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From Chairman of the League of Overseas Pakistanis

Sir, In your leading article of May 19 you rightly state The allegations against Mr [Mohammed] Sarwar are, primarily, for the police to investigate . any case to answer must in law be heard in the courts not Parliament". However you also suggest that Mr Sarwar should be suspended by the Labour Party National Executive Committee

Today's leading article goes further than merely suggesting suspension. You urge suspension, saying: "It is not good enough to leave investigations to the police."

The Labour Party NEC can be trusted to deal with this matter in a befitting manner. If Mr Sarwar is found guilty by them and is suspended from the Parliamentary Labour Party, so be it. Right-thinking British Muslims will not feel that he is victim of what you describe as "Islamophobia".

However, trial by media and fixing of guilt even before police or the Labour Party have investigated the allegations would affront many British Muslims.

Yours faithfully, Q. S. ANISUDDIN, Chairman. League of Overseas Pakistanis, 9a High Street, Southall, Middlesex. May 21.

Lunch that fits the bill From Mr George Chowdharay-Best

Sir, I am no doctor but, as the holder of a degree in physiology, I find Dr

Stuttaford's views on lunch (Body and Mind, May 15) highly questionable. Do normal human beings in good health really need three meals a day? The case is unproved. Dr Stuttaford admits that people should ideally rest after meals so as to enable the diges-

tion process to begin without placing too great a strain upon the heart; but he does not explain how in practice busy and active people can find the time to do so. It may be true that women need to eat little and often, but men have not had time to evolve physiologically from being hunter-gatherers; and whilst fluid during the day is essen-

tial, solid food is not, and may be an

obstacle to activity especially if it is of

the school-meal type, as the doctor recommends. Moreover, it is not in practice possible to limit luncheon in the manner he proposes; such things do tend to go on, especially if a journalist is entertaining and footing the bill. My advice to ministers is to heed the remark of a former Lord Lucan: "Anyone who eats more than one meal a day is digging

G. CHOWDHARAY-BEST, 47 Waipole Street, SW3.

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Anomalies in devolution proposals

From Captain J. G. Ferrie. RN

Sir. The new Government now aims to press ahead with its plans for a referendum on Scottish devolution. I believe that the Cabinet should reconsider its decision that only residents should be permitted to vote in that

I am a Scot who left home to join a United Kingdom public service and have subsequently only had one appointment in Scotland. Should not 1, although now resident in England, be more entitled to vote than any English or Welsh person temporarily resident in Scotland, perhaps at the behest of an employer?

If identifying and enfranchising the Scots outside Scotland but still within the United Kingdom is too difficult for those planning the referendum, the Government might arrange to seek the views of the entire United King-dom population. The result might well prove instructive.

Yours faithfully, J. G. FERRIE, I Barnfield Way, Batheaston, Bath, Somerset.

From Mr John K. Laurence

Sir. Like the Prime Minister. I am of Scottish descent and attended a Scottish fee-paying public school in Edinburgh. And like him I have earned my living in England. Presumably nei-ther of us will have a vote for the new Scottish parliament.

There are many people of English parentage, educated in England, but earning their living in Scotland. Presumably they will have a vote for the Scottish parliament as well as for the British Parliament. Surely all this appears ludicrous.

Why do we not continue the present system which has lasted satisfactorily for 300 years, and where we all. Scots and English, vote for the British

Yours faithfully. JOHN LAURENCE, Cardross House, Church Road. Ham Common, Richmond, Surrev.

From Mr T. R. H. Sowler

Sir. When the tower around which this house has evolved was built at the end of the 15th century, the site selected was a cold, north-facing slope, but it was south of the Tyne and so less susceptible to the endemic raids of the Scots. During the ensuing century the castellans of this and neighbouring fastnesses had to maintain a regular night watch on the Tyne fords, although it is fair to say that the English were as much on the offensive as the

With the succession in 1603 of the Scottish King James VI as James I of

'Rights' and the law From Mr L. L. Blake

Sir. John Wadham, Director of Liberty, whose letter (May 14) advocates incorporation into our law of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (to give it its full title) shows a touching faith in its efficacy. In fact it will be a feast for lawyers and

malcontents. Why do we need to rely on rights which are divisive and restrictive. when we have the precious heritage of common law which is based on duties? We should be wary of highsounding charters which refer to "freedoms" in the plural, which means, in effect, that there will be permissible freedoms in some areas but not in others. Only the State will

Mr Wadham wants the convention to be supplemented by "new rights in a domestic Bill of Rights". So-called "natural" rights are endless. Jeremy Bentham once described them as "nonsense upon stilts" - and so they

Yours truly L. L. BLAKE, 271 Lonsdale Road, SW13.

'Kneejerk' law

From Mr Geoff Trickey

Sir, Fox-hunting would seem a curious starting point for animal protec-tion legislation in view of the abuses affecting millions of animals each year in transport of livestock, farming and the abattoirs reported by groups like Compassion in World Farming. One has to conclude that in this case it is the hunters rather than the hunted who are the centre of attention.

The windfall tax similarly targets "fat cats". I have no affinity with them or with hunters but I do have sympathy for the sporting shooters falling victim to kneejerk handgun legisla-We should all be concerned about

law which targets small groups who, for various reasons, find themselves the focus of orchestrated public vilification - this willingness to back the hue and cry with populist legislation is a particularly worrying trend in a Government that has proudly pronounced itself the Government of all the people. I wonder, who will be

Yours faithfully. GEOFF TRICKEY. 42 Broadwater Down Tunbridge Wells, Kent. May 20.

England these precautions became unnecessary. By the time of the dis-orders of 1715 and 1745 many Northumbrians favoured the Jacobite cause and the national English/Scottish distinction had greatly diminished. Until recently, the Queen's Own

Yeomanry (my territorial regiment) included both Ayrshire and Northumberland squadrons. They operated well together and "Jocks v Geordies" rivalry was friendly.

Labour proposals for devolution run contrary to the historical advances of the past 400 years. Yours faithfully, T. R. H. SOWLER,

Haltwhistle, Northumberland. From Mr William M. Ballantine

Unthank Hall,

Sir, We have heard much from new Labour recently about fairness, but I wonder if we will be seeing fairness in the forthcoming devolution referen-dum in Scotland?

What if, as many here fear, indifference wins; eg, what if 500,000 people vote yes, 499,999 vote no and 2 million people don't vote - will this be taken as the will of the Scottish people? As in the last devolution referendum in 1979, when 40 per cent of the entire electorate had to vote yes to ensure success, a safety net is needed to ensure a majority of the people really do wish to go down this road.

lf. as Labour and others claim, we Scots really are in favour of this, then they have nothing to fear.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM M. BALLANTINE, 47 The Quarryknowes. Dean Road, Borness, West Lothian.

From Mr Bruce Leeming

Sir, Magnus Linklater ("Scotland deserves a bonnier House", May 17) is undoubtedly correct to call for a modern purpose-built home for the Scottish parliament. However, the debating chamber and associated offices of the old Royal High School will be quite good enough for the mere talking-shop presently proposed for the nation.

But if the devolved arrangements soon to be put in place simply constitute a necessary stepping stone to a properly sovereign Scottish parlia-ment, then the architectural competition had better be organised without

ne unworkat cil" government, West Lothian anomalies and all, will soon become apparent.

Yours faithfully. BRUCE LEEMING. 29 India Street, Edinburgh. May 20.

Fiji and the Crown

From Mr Ganesh Lall

Sir, Your report of May 12, "Fiji seeks to reforge link to the Crown", that Fiji is negotiating for readmission to the Commonwealth, and the alleged delight with which the Queen and the Prince of Wales have welcomed this, beggars belief.

Gradually and unobtrusively Fiji is being welcomed back into the Commonwealth in spite of the disgraceful behaviour of that country over the

past ten years.

The 1987 coup overthrew a legitimately elected government and in 1990 a new constitution was promulgated giving only indigenous Fijians the right to be Prime Minister and President and guaranteeing a majority of seats to them in the House of Representatives.

The international community helped to get rid of apartheid in South Africa. It must do the same in Fiji or be guilty of practising double stan-dards. Human rights, like human suf-fering, are indivisible.

I am, yours sincerely, GANESH LALL, The Common Room Middle Temple, EC4. May 12.

Assisted places

From Councillor Mrs Ann Cains

Sir. It was interesting to read that Mr Tim Haynes, headmaster of Monmouth School, considers that children should be educated alongside people from all backgrounds to learn tolerance and how to work together (report, May 19).

Our two sons, both now engineering graduates of the University of Cambridge, have always appreciated their years at a school where pupils from all backgrounds were and are still able to mix academically and socially. However, they did not occupy assisted places at an independent school and my husband and I did not pay for this privileged schooling. They both attended our nearest school the local comprehensive.

Yours sincerely. ANN CAINS (Chair of Governors, Blakeston School), 21 Countisbury Road Norton, Stockton on Tees. May 19.

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Channel Tunnel fire precautions

From Mr Noel Falconer

Sir. Mr Stefan Tietz argues, in relation to salety on the Channel Tunnel freight shuttles fletter. May 20), that "calls . . . for expensive changes to the open-sided rolling stock require better perspective". They rather require the

most urgent investigation. Old flying films ohen show a heroic pilot diving to blow out a fire. This works by blasting the flames back faster than they can burn forward, so the source of ignition falls away as-

It's heroic because, when it doesn't work, the extra airflow blasts the blaze into a blowtorch, with catastrophic consequences. And it doesn't work when there's a sheltered area where a fire can keep on burning, and keep on reigniting combustible material.

The open latticework of the Chunnel freight shuttles encourages the formation of such areas; that a conflagration did occur supports this. There would seem to be a prima facie case that they are unwarrantably unsafe.

Yours sincerely. NOEL FALCÓNER. 223 Bramhall Moor Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport.

From Professor Viscount Samuel

Sir. A solution to the problem of fires on the Eurotunnel trains might be the covering of each lattice-sided freight wagon with a jacket or "tarpaulin" made of Kevlar. This is an aramid polymer fibre used for the manufacture of protective clothing for firemen and tan't crews. This cloth is flexible, fairly light, and almost indestructible by fire.

I understand it was reported that a restriction on weight was the main reason for the open design of the wagons used for forries. Aramid "curtains" would reduce the amount of oxygen available to a burning lorry. thereby containing the spread of the fire and, at the same time, would help to prevent the escape of smoke into the

Yours sincerely DAVID SAMUEL, Weizman Institute of Science, Department of Environmental Sciences and Energy Research, 76100 Rehovot, Israel.

Start at the top

From Mr John Reade

Sir. Whilst seeking suitable work through your recruitment supplement ("Management plus") this morning I was astounded to learn from the article on board meetings of a woman who had managed to land (please excuse the pun) a directorship with British Airways where she went into her first board meeting "without having a ciue what to do", and that she was, furthermore, "sitting on eight boards" with "no training in her responsibil-

Can it be that her promotion at BA. and subsequent move to the managing directorship of Bupa, were made because she was not detained by overqualification?

I wonder if those responsible for her promotion could contact me as soon as possible so I can employ them to find me a job. Unless of course, in the meantime, one of your readers has a vacant directorship — any position. I'm not greedy — just looking for a job.

Yours faithfully, JOHN READE. 7 Tees Road. Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex.

Waiting for the bus

From Miss G. H. Threlfall

Sir, Professor Robert Stanton's decision to sue the company that failed to produce his bus on time (report and leading article. May 20) brought to mind a delightful disclaimer seen on the timetable at a bus stop some years ago. The small print read:

The ... Bus Company does not guarantee to operate buses in accordance with this timetable, or at all.

38a Rossiter Road, SW12.

From Dr G. Van Praagh

G. H. THRELFALL

Sir, When I was an education student we were told: "Never run after a bus, a woman or an educational theory there'll be another in a few minutes." I hope Professor Stanton's activities will restore the first as good advice, young men already act on the second. Ministers of Education should take note of the third.

Yours faithfully GORDON VAN PRAAGH. 25 Blackwater Lane, Crawley, Sussex. May 20.

Chastening thought From Mr Manthos Kallios

Sir, Your Science Editor reports (May 22) evidence to suggest that males "... live longer if the sexual drive is removed"

Maybe it just feels that way. Yours faithfully. M. P. KALLIOS. Mollands. Hillwood Grove, Brentwood, Essex. BUCK!

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 22: The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, accompanied by The Grand Duke of Luxembeurg, Colonel, this alternoon presented new Colours to the ist Banation Irish Guards outside the State Entrance, Windsor Castle. Having been received upon arrival by the Regimental Licutenant-Colonel (Brigadier Christopher Wolverson), Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received in Parade with a Royal Salute. The Grand Duchess of Luxem-

bourg was also present.

After the presentation, The Queen was graciously pleased to address the Bartulion and the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel James Pol-

neer (Lectinean Courter Sales For-bet) replied

Later The Queen, accumpanied by The Grand Duke and Duchess of Lucenburg, attended a Garden Party at the Cricket Ground. Party at the Creeker Cround.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Parron,
Outward Bound Trust, this morning
cleared a meeting and gave a
Luncheon for the Outward Bound
Council at Buckingham Palace
His Royal Highness, President,
Westmanster Abbey Trust, this afterneon chaired a meeting of the Trustees at Westminster Abbey, London SWI.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, the Royal Philanthropic Society, this evening attended a Reception at St

May 22: The Duke of York, Honorary Air Commedore, Inday visited Royal Air Force Lossiemouth and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Morayshire (Air Vice-Marshal George Chesworthi.

May 22 The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this morning attended a Council Meeting at Mary Datchelor House. Grove Lane. Camberwell, London SES. Her Royal Highness. Patron. this evening attended the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine's Annual

Vice Presidents' Meeting and Dinner at Commercial Union Assurance Company, St Helen's, I Undershaft, London EC3. ST JAMES'S PALACE

ST JAMES SPALACE
May 22 The Prince of Wales.
Colonel-in-Chief. The 22nd (Cheshire)
Regiment, this morning received
Lieutenant-Colonel John Thomson upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer 3rd (Volun-teer) Battalion and Licutenant-Colonel Martyn Thomas upon assuming the appointment.

His Royal Highness this afternoon

Today's royal

gave a Reception for the Royal Parks Agency. KENSINGTON PALACE

May 22: The Princess Margaret.
Countess of Snowdon, President, the
Guide Association, attended the Annual General Meeting of the Association, held this morning at
Commonwealth Headquarters.
Buckingham Palace Road, London
SWI, and this afternoon at Guildhall.
Lindon EC2.
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KENSINGTON PALACE
May 22. Princess Alice, Duchess of
Glouester, Deputy Colonchin-Chief,
The Ruyal Anglian Regiment, this
afternoon received Colonel Peter
Worthy and Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Swallow, representatives of the Northamptonshire Regiment Associ-

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron. the Westminster Society, this evening attended the Annual General Meding at the Royal United Services Institution, Whitehall, London SWI.

The Duchess of Gloucester today the Duches of Chancester four visited Mid Glanorgan and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Leuremant (Mr Murray McLaggan). Her Royal Highness visited Heronsbridge School and Centre for children with disabilities and their families, Y-Bont, Bridgend.

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Alterwards The Duchess of Gloucester visited Pen-y-Dre High School, Merthyr Tydfil, and later, as Commandant-in-Cluef, St John Am-YORK HOUSE

YORR HOUSE
May 2. The Duke of Kent. Royal
Patron, this evening attended a Fundraising Dinner for the Help Poland
Fund of Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, and was received by Her
Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordthis Mile these Patrons.

Majegy's Low-Leuderland of Oxfordshire (Mr Hugo) Brunner).

The Duches of Kent. Patron-in-Chief, this alternoon launched the Christie's Against Cancer Appeal at the Christie National Health Service Trust. Wilmskw Road, Manchester, and the amounted by the Majegy's and the Christie National Health Service Trust. and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins). THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 22: Princes Alexandra this
afternoon opened the new Research
and Education Building at Chelsee
Physic Garden, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3.

Her Rusal Highness, accompanied Her Robal Highness, accompanied by the R. Hon Sir Angus Ogliby, this evening attended the Annual Dinner of the Royal Academy of Arts at Burlington House. Piccadilly, London, WI.

engagements The Queen will visit the South Tyneside Magistrate's Court, Millbank, Tyne and Wear, at 10.20 and, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, will open Siemens Wafer Fabrications Facility, Silverlink, Newcastle upon Tyne at 11.25. They will visit Newcastle United Football Club at 1.00.

(Wearmouth) Squadron, Douglas Road, Seaburn at 10.25.

General Sir John Gibbon

A Memorial Service for General Sir John Gibbon, GCB, OBE, will be held at ilam on Monday. September 29, at the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Luncheon

Lord Taylor of Blackborn Lord Taylor of Blackburn was the

host at a function given by the Executive Committee of the United Kingdom branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association at the House of Lords yesterday to bid farewell to the Deputy Speakers. Ministers and Members of Commonwealth Parliaments attending the 1967 visit to Dr. John Marck, MP, chairman

of the branch executive committee.

HMS Victory

Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, was the host at a dinner held last night onboard HMS Victory. Sir Rodney Sweetnam, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and Lady Swe were among the guests. HMS Northwood

held their annual dinner at the Savile Club last night. Lieutenant Commander Michael Billingham

HAC Active Officers

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Service dinners

Former officers of the HMS Northwood training department

Active Officers of the Honourable Artillery Company dined last night at Armoury House. Lieutenant Culonel James Ferguson, Comman-ding Officer, presided, General Str Michael Wilkes, Colonel Com-mandant, was among the guests.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS Carolus Linneaus, bota-nist, South Rasindt, Sweden, 1707; Franz Mesmer, physician, pioneer of hypnotism, Well, Germany, 1734; Douglas Fairbanks, senior, Denver, 1746–1768.

ham Claydon officiated. Mr Christopher McKare, son. read the lesson. Ms Camilla McKane, granddaughter, read a poem by Olga Sedakova. Mr Stewart Woolner guid pribute and Sir Peter Marychurch gave an

Mark Rylance, artistic director of the new Globe Theatre in Southwark, peers through the curtain before unveiling the new stage. The theatre has been built as closely as possible to the original designs and painted with pigments used in the 16th century

Dinners

Royal Academy Princess Alexandra was a speaker

at the annual dinner of the Royal Academy of Arts held last night at Burlington House. Sir Philip Dow son, PRA, presided. Mr Chris Smith. Secretary of State for National Heritage, and Dame Jennifer Jenkins also spoke. The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended. Among others present were:

Mayor of Westminster attended, Among others present were:

The Ambassador of Egypt, the Ambassador of Kuwaii, the Ambassador of Turkey, Ambassador of Toshio Yamazaki, Mr Ivor Abrahams, RA, Mr Ismorman Adams, RA, Mr Ismorman Alsop, Dr Robert Anderson, Ismorman Balmey, Mr William Ballile, Miss Diana Armifeld, RA, Dr John Beltarry, RA, Mr James Benson, Sir Isalah Berlin, Com, FBA, Miss Drusilla Beytos, Mr Potter Blake, RA, Mr Norman Blamey, RA, Mr Ismorman Blamey, RA, Mr Ismorman Blamey, RA, Mr Ismorman Burter, Mr Sohn Burter, RA, Mr Ismorman Burter, Mr Sohn Burter, RA, Mr Ismorman Burter, Mr John Camovs, Mr John Carter, Mr Wilfred Cass, Mr Faurke, Caulfield, RA, Sir Trevor Chinn, Lord Chonley, Miss Jean Cooke, RA, Councillor John Cartes, Mr Himothy Clinford, Mis Sue Clifford, Mr Nigel Coates, Dr David Cohen, Mr Peter Coker, RA, and Mrs Coker, Mr Sanne Collins, Miss Jean Cooke, RA, Councillor John Corbesingleton, Professor Tony Crage, RA, Mr Michael Craig-Martin, Mr Andrew Crawshaw, Mr John Craston, RA, Mr Edward Cullinan, RA, Mr Frederick Cuming, RA, Mr Spencer de Grey, the Duke of Devonshire, KG, Dr Jenniler Dickson, RA, Mr Richard Doyment, Lady Dowson, Mr John Doyle, Mr Lady Dowson, Mr John Doyle, Mr

Memorial services

A memorial service for Dr Roger Wright, a former consultant an-

aesthetist at St Thomas' Hospital.

was held yesterday in the hospital chapel. The Rev Donald Reece

officiated. Mr Michael Wright and

Dr John Wright, sons, read the lessons and Dr Anthony Clement

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Leonard C. (Mac-

McKane, of Government Com-munications Headquarters, was

held yesterday at St Sride's, Fleet

Street Carnes John Ottes, Commi

Peter Jeffries and Prebendary Gra-

Mr Leonard C. McKane

Dr Roger Wright

gave an address.

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annual audit court dinner held lass night at Barber-Surgeons' Hall. Mr R. Sandler, Chief Executive of Lloyds of London, and Mr J.M.C. Choat also spoke.

Loriners' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, was a speaker at the annual livery dinner of the Loriners Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr John A. Bischoff, Master, presided. Viscount Massereene and Perrard and Mr Graham Forbes, Upper Warden, also spoke. Among others present were: he Masters of the Barbers', Sa

The Mesters of the servers, Sanders, Sanders, Pounders, Johness and Cellers and Cold and Silver Wyre Drawers Companies, Lieutentant-Colonel, Str John Miller, the Commanding Officer Kings, Troop 2816, the Mayor and Mayoress of Walsail and the President of the East Mercia Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators Sir Arthur Marshall was the

principal guest at the annual livery dinner of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators held last night at Vintners' Hall. Mr R.W. Bridge, Master, presided: London Chamber of Commerce

and Industry The London Chamber of Commerce and industry's Women in Bosiness annual dinner was held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Ms Jenni Murray was the guest of honour and speaker. United Oxford & Cambridge

University Club Worshipful John Hamill, Grand Librarian of the United Grand Lodge of England, was the prin-cipal speaker at a dinner held at the club house last night. Mr Peter Renton chairman of the function

Birthdays today Sir Kenneth Allen, engineer. 90; Sir David Barran, former chairman, Midland Bank, 85; Mr Rubens Barrichello, racing driver, 25: Mrs. J. J. d'A. Campbell, Mistress, Girton College, Cambridge, 62; Sir Matthew Campbell, civil servant, 90; Sir Hugh Casson, CH, archi-tect, 87; Miss toan Collins, actress. 64; Sir Samuel Corran, FRS, former Vice-Chancellor, Strathclyde University, 85; Mr Nigel Davemport, actor, 69; the Very Rev-J. H. Drury, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, 61: Dr Walter Charch, Cottoro, Ot. Lif water Eltis, economist, 64; Mr G.M. Gill, former chief cashier, Bank of England, 63; Mr Marius Goving, actor. 85; Lord Grenfell, 62; Viscount Hawarden, 36; Mr Graeme Hick, cricketer, 31: Mr Anatoly Karpov, chess player, 46; Sir Peter Kenilorea, former Prime Minister, Solumon Islands, 54; His Henour Sir Sanderson Temple, QC, 76: Sir John Titman, former Secretary. Lord Chamberlain's office, 71.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain T.G. Vallings and Miss L.M. Bull

The engagement is announced between Captain Tom Vallings. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding), second son of Vice-Admiral Sir George and Lady Vallings of Long Ditton, Surrey, and Louisa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bull, of North Stoke, Oxfordshire.

Mr M.W. Adam and Miss P.J. Sparks The engagement is announced between Michael, second son of Dr and Mrs James Adam, of Chillord

Chambers, Warwickshire, and Penny, younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Peter Sparks, of Exmouth and Callompton, Devon.

Mr P.F. Hebbiethwaite

and Miss J.A. Cassim The engagement is armounced between Peter, son of the late Mr R.L. Hebblethwaite and of Mrs Madeline Hebblethwaite. of Maceime Renovements: of Falmouth, Cornwall, and Justine, daughter of the late Wing Com-mander N.A. Cassiro, BDSc, LDS, and of Mrs Patricia Cassim. of

and Miss V.A. Culnane

The engagement is announced between Anthony, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Hunt, of Greenfield, Bedfordshire, and Veronica, youngest daughter of Mrs Joyce Culnane and the late Mr Peter Culcane, of Sheen, London.

Mr E.E. Hunt IV The engagement is announced between Ernest, son of the Very

Rev Dr and Mrs Ernest E. Hunt III. of Paris, France and Tagnersville, New York, and Elizabeth Holly, daughter of Mr and Mrs William W. Stevenson, of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Mr A.H. Marsden and Dr R.M. Jennings
The engagement is announced hetween Hugh son of the late Mr Bric Marsden and of Mrs Marsden, of Stourpaine, Dorset, and Rosalind, daughter of the late Mr Christopher R. Jennings and of Mrs. Ruth Jennings, of Burlord,

and Miss S.M. Hawkins The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs Lionel Moore, of Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Hawkins, of Hildenborough, Kent Mr G.K.C. Whittam and Miss J.J. Flall-Smith _

The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Mr Michael Whitlam, of Jersey, and Mrs-Elleen Whitlam, of Richmond, Surrey, and Jessica, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jerenay Hall-Smith. Milland, West Sussex.

Mr N.W. Woollen and Miss R. Kelsart The engagement is announced between Billy, son of Mr and Mrs H.J. Woollen, of Bagber Common, Dorset, and Hannah, eldest daughter of the late Mr Paul Nettlehed, Oxfordshire.

Marriages

Mr A.W.G. Bell and Miss J.L. Harrison The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Cross, Winchester, of Mr Aidan Bell, son of Mr and the Hon Mrs Peter Bell, of Winchester, to Miss Judith Harrison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Harrison, of Cheltenharn. Canon W.N. Stock and the Rev S.A. Outhwaite officiated. Mr D.A. Borradaile

The marriage took place on May 3, 1997. between David Borradaile and Lucia Boscawen, nee Vivian-Abbott, Dorset. Mr D.F. Schuster

and Miss T.C. Ahmann The marriage took place on Sat-urday, May 17, 1997, in the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Steventon, Oxfordshire, of Mr Dominio Francis Schuster and Miss Tamara Christina Anne Altmann.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Romany Thums and Camilla and Imogen Altmann. Mr Nick Mappin and Mr Charles Jordan were best men. A reception was held at Priory Cottage, Steventon, and the honey-

School news

St Katharines Schools Term began on April 18 and ends Term hegan on April 18 and ends on July 1 with Speech Day. The guest speaker will be Susart Greenfield, Professor of Pharmacology at Oxford University, Fellow of Lincoln College and Gresham Professor of Physic, who will open the new Science Laboratory. Senior Week was held between May 9 and 15 with over 120 Seniors attending If with over 120 Seniors attending. Gillian duCharme, Headmistress of Benenden School, was elected an Honorary Semor in Absentia. The Beneficent Fund supported the Laura Campbell-Preston Memorial Fund. The after dinner speaker on Samuday, May 10, was Sir Kenneth Dover, Dian, LLD. FRSE FBA Chancellor of St Andrews University. The preacher at the School Service was Canon

ar he scrool service was contin-Anthony Phillips, former Head-master of The Kings School, Canterbury. The Dowager Head of School is Erica Bennet and the acting Head, Kirsty Wedderspoon.
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MEADON - On May 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Anne (née Thowiste) and Patrick, a daughter, Margaux Camille. MILLS - On 18th May, to Francesca (née Sangers-Rose) and Christopher, a daughter, Katherine Rose Evelyn, a sister for Freddic

PAMILIO - On May 20th at The Portland Bospital, to Carmelita and Alan, a con, Christian, a brother for Alexander and Stephanic

PIDGEON - Cn May 11th 1997 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Vaneass (més Rickett) and Nell, a daughter, Bosanna Charlotte Louise, a sister for Lucinda

THAM: On 9th May at 5t Mary's, Paddington, to Elizabeth and Nick, a son, Gay Samuel, a houther for Alastair and Hugh. WARSHAW - On 21st May, to

Simon, a son, Freddie

BAKER - On 14th May 1997
Edward Cecil Baker aged 94
years, late of Maylborough,
Wiltahire Funeral took place
at Kingsdown Crematorium,
Swindom, on Thunsday May
22nd 1997. All enquiries roi:
(01793: 491091.

BEECH . June Jazbelle, psacefully at home on 20th May after a long lilness. Deathy loved wife of Gerald, mother of Pani, falken and Charlotte. Family funeral service on Wednesday 27th May at Gilroes Covenstoriumm. Groby Road, Leicester. No flowers please. Donations to LOROS c/o Gines and Gutterlage, Vorjahn Way, Leicester. A Memorial Service is to be held on Thursday 19th June at St Vincent's Church, Littlebourne. Kent at 2.30pm.

MONAGHAN - On May 13th at
The Portland Hospital, to
Stophen Williams and Ann
Monaghan, a son, Joseph
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Stophen. Thursday 29th May at All Salats Church, Breachley, No. Constitute of the state of the

BRUCE - Robert Nigel on 20th May 1997 peacefully, much loved husband of Betty, father of lane, Susan, Fatrick, Kenneth and grapdfather of 10. Thankingleing Service on Friday 20th May at 3 pm St Mary's Church, Oatlands Avanue, Weybridge, Family Rovers only Durations if desired to British Eed Cross Society of F.W. Chitty & Co., 45 Elmgrove Road, Weybridge, ET13 8PB

Also a much loved mother, grandmother, and great-gandmother, Fairdly burks; service at Cambo Cemetary on Tuesday 27th May at 11.30 am followed by Memorial Service in Great Bavington United Reformed Church at 2 pm, Friends please meet at Church No flowers by request picase, but donations in lies if desired to TyneCale desired to TypeCale Community Hospice. 19, Battle Hill, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 IEA

DUNGRY - Elsem, peacelelly on 18th May at Florence Nightingale House, Stoke Mandeville aged 26 years, widow of Frank and behaved mother of Frances, Virginia and anne, and a dearly leved grandmother and great-grandmother and great grandmother and great grandmother and great grandmother Heart of The Immsculate Heart of Mary Great Missender, 29th May at 2.30pm followed by intermed in the Great Missender Lawn Commercy Enquiries to Great Missender Funcal Services, (01494) 863101.

GIOLOW-JACKSON - Charles Michael, 19th May, 1997. Peacefully at Salisbury District Hospital, Father to Batla and Mark. Funeral Service at Salisbury Cathedral at 3 pm Wednesday 28th May, 1997. Flowers and esquires cro LN. Newman Ltd., Funeral Directors, Salisbury, 01722 413136.

MAYWARD - Richard Doogles, Major, Zoyai Artillery (Retired), on 21st May suddenly at bome, aged 82. Loved and lowing hyshand of Glive, lather of lanet and gillian, grandfather and gear-spandfather. Service at Gillian, grandfather und geset-gandfather. Service at Maddington Church. Shrewton at 12 noon on Thursday 29th May, followed by private cremation. No fitowers, Donations to Salisbary Hospice of G.W. Burden, 37 Church Street, Amesbury. MERCHAND - Phyllis Maud died peacefully on 20th May 1997 aged 59 years. MROURS - Francis peocefully at home on 21st May, beloved husband of Laura, father of Joan and Peter. Requirem Mass at Charch of the Sacred Heart, Kingsbridge, Friday 30th May 1029 an, followed by private cremation. Family Lowers only.

HODSON - Pamela Joyce widow of Alan Henry (formenty 200 Hovercraft Squadron/RCT) died spidemly on May 19th. Mother of David and Mother of David and jacqueline Funeral Service of 11.15 am on Thumbay May 29th at 5t Mary's Chunch, Alexandra Family flowers only, Constiems to NSP.C.C. to Chuncher & Tribbeck, 3 Stoke Road, Gosbort 2012 1LT. Gosport 2012 1LT

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Holimes - Robin Stretton,
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All family, friends,
colleagues and students
from Breatwood School
seakcome. LAURIE - Nicholas on May 20th, believed husband of Vivienne and darling daddy to Nicolals and Frederick. Greatly missed by all his family. All enquiries to Tomain & Son. Renkeyon-Thames, (01692) 573370.

MACDOMALD - Pescetully at Craigmount Nursing Home, St Andrews, on May 22nd 1997, Joan Elizan, dearly beloved wife of the late Canon Alexander Macdonald. Much Joved mother of Sama, Andrew, Peter, Mary and the late Agma and a loving grandmother. Bequiem Mary in All Sabata Church, North Castle Street, St Andrews, on Tuesday May 27th at 1 pm. Gremation thereign private.

McCHLLY - Betsy peacefully at home in Seaford on 21st May aped 70 years, beloved wife of Dick, twoth loved mother of Somm, john, Richard, deur-grandsotter of Jonne, Paul, Richard and Ends and sudy missed by all her family mai friends. Service in the Family Chapel, Eastbourne Crematorium, on Thursday 29th May at 3.45 pm. Flowers and enquiries c/o Gooper & Son, IP Clinton Place, Seaford. (01323) 472666.

REEG - On May 21st beacefully in Newland House Besidential Rome, Winey, Violet Mary, formerly of Loose, Maidstone, Kent and New Inn Cortage, East End, Forth Leigh, Chon. In her 101st year Deeply tored by her family and treasured by her friends.

ROWLEY - On Wodnesday May 21st after a short filmers. Brenda Maureen (née Musio), dandy loved wife of Sainuel of Dyrham near Chippenham. Funeral St Petws Chosch, Dyrham no Thunday May 27th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations please to imperial Causer Research Found of W.F. Dohama & Son. 9 Wakut Teynon, Eath.

WHOTE-(Gentenan, Askastion, Co. Linewick, Iroland). May 21st in his 59th year, Lr. Col. (Bill., Sato) M.W.R. M.B.R. bate inhalt Curlin sifles and Chinal state scouts frontier core. Much lowed minds of Topper, John, Maria and Marin, Sadly missed by Ris family, friends and relatives. Funeral mass tomorrow Saturday May 24th at St lames's Caurch Cappagh at 230 pm. Burlai immediately afterwards in aljoining churchyard. Flowers if desired, in Thompsons Funeral Home, Linewick. MEMORIAL SERVICES

HABINGS - The Honormble Lady Hawtings Dl. There will be a Memorial Service for Lady Hastings on Thursday 12th June 1997 at 12 noon at Holy Trinity Church, Westworth, South Youth, Westworth, South Yorkshire. Enquiries to 01226 742061. IN MEMORIAM -WAR

Mary, aum am Levis), Edna Mary, 23rd May 1992, Seloved Mother: "Thy eternal summer shall not fade" - Michael (McClain).

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OBITUARIES

DR NOEL BROWNE

Dr Noel Browne, former Minister of Health and socialis politician in Ireland, died in Galway yesterday aged 81. He was born in Waterford on December. 20, 1915.

s Minister for Health in the Irish Covernment formed in 1948. Dr Noel Browne was credited with eliminating the deadly scourge of tuberculosis which had decimated generations of young Irish people.

In 1951 he sought to introduce a free maternity service. The Irish bishops, egged on by a medical professi alarmed by the prospect of socialised medicine, opposed the scheme on the grounds that it was not means-tested and was therefore contrary to Catholic social teaching. When Browne refused to alter it, despite being asked to do so by his colleagues, he was told to resign by his party leader Sean MacBride.

Although he remained in politics as a hardline socialist for many years, he never held office again. But he remained an icon for those who denounced Irish society as socially unjust and deplored the influence of the Roman Catholic Church.

Noel Browne's own background was a strange blend of deprivation and privilege. Both his father, who had been an inspector with the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and his mother died from tuberculosis when he was a child and the penniless family was scattered.

His elder sister took care of him and the woman who employed her as a manager of a holiday home for children in the South of England had the young Noel enrolled as a pupil in a Catholic preparatory school called St Anthony's in Eastbourne.

From there he won a scholarship to Beaumont, the Jesuit public school near Windsor, where he became friendly with Neville Chance, who was the son of the late Sir Arthur Chance,

the last King's surgeon in Ireland.

It was Lady Chance who paid
Browne's fees as a medical student at Trinity College Dublin. She was a person of considerable wealth (her ather was William Martin Murphy, the leader of the Dublin employers who put down the general strike of 1913. As such he was a hate-figure

among Labour people in Ireland.)

After he qualified as a doctor, Browne contracted tuberculosis himself and was treated at a hospital in England. Later, during the war years, he worked as a doctor in various English sanitoriums. He continued to specialise in tuberculosis on his return to Ireland in 1946.



Contact made with a patient led him into a campaign for political action to deal with the disease. He joined the Clann na Pobachta party which had been founded by Sean MacBride, a barrister and former Chief of Staff of the IRA

Browne was elected to the Dail in 1948, defeating by only a few votes the Labour candidate Eleanor Butler, who subsequently became Countess of Wicklow. After the election a coalition Government was formed out of a diverse collection of parties, the only bond between which was opposition to Eamon de Valera, who had by then been in office as head of government for 16 years.

Browne became Minister for Health on his first day in the Dail. He was the and got rid of his own departmental

first public schoolboy and the first Trinity graduate to serve in an Irish

The campaign he waged to eradicate tuberculosis won acclaim. He built numerous sanitoriums out of funds accumulated from the proceeds of the Irish Hospitals Sweepstakes run on major racing events such as the Grand This was popular, but there were

those who thought it was somewhat profligate at a time when drugs such as streptomycin were becoming available - drugs which were to bring the great tuberculosis epidemic to an end within a few years.

Browne was undiplomatic in his dealings with the medical profession

legal adviser, who was the real author of the mother and child scheme he proposed in 1951.

in the context of the freland of that day -- where most hospitals ran on the voluntary work of religious orders - it was simply not practical politics to attempt to disregard the views of the Catholic hierarchy. That he should have broken with them over the issue of whether those who were able to pay should receive a free service was in itself evidence of a political naivety and lack of sense of proportion that were as characteristic of the man as were the hatred of injustice and idealism that inspired him.

Although Browne continued to be elected to the Dail, where he represented one of Dublin's more affluent constituencies, he never came near to holding office again. He was at different times a member of four other political parties, but he was always an uneasy colleague, slow to compromise. quick to elevate disagreements into points of principle, and ever ready to impugn the motives of those who did

not agree with him. He was powerful in denunciation. and his speeches, which began with the audience straining to hear him, often ended in a voice that bordered on the strident. He remained too far removed from the mainstream of Irish opinion even when the role of the Church came under increasing suspicion. He had a withering contempt for much Nationalist ideology, which he felt had been used as an opium for the people who needed social justice and emancipation from a repressive Church.

Browne was a loner, though not without considerable social charm at a personal level.

He remained a doctor, though he did not carry on a private practice, and he changed his specialty from tuberculosis to psychiatry. This confirmed him in his hostile attitude to the Church, as he saw the harm that could be caused in individual lives by the more repressive Catholic teaching, especially on sexual matters.

After he finally left politics in 1982 he retired to live in the vast emptiness of Connemara on the West Coast, In 1986 he published his memoirs Against the Tide: this proved a powerfully written book. Among other things, it contained heart-rending account of his tragic childhood, which gave an insight into the reasons for his bitterness towards those who perpetrated injustice. But there was something less appealing in the unkind and somewhat self-righteous manner in which he denounced other politicians.

Noel Browne is survived by his wife Phyllis, and two daughters.

PETER SNAPE

Peter Snape, OBE, headmaster and administrator, died on Aprīl 30 aged 71. He was born on June 4, 1925.

PETER SNAPE was an effective and inspiring headmaster who went on to become a distinguished educational administrator. As head of the King Edward VI School in Tomes for almost twenty years from 1964, he was a highly successful pioneer of comprehensive education, and his school came to exemplify all that was good in the new

Later, as general secretary in the 1980s of both the Secondary Heads' Association (representing state schools) and the Headmasters' Conference (which draws its mentbers from the independent sector), he had a hand in holding together the two worlds of state and independent secondary education in a turbulent period when they might easily have drifted apart. He also supported and advised the heads of state secondary schools during those years of unprecedented disruption in their schools.

Thomas Peter Snape came from a modest home in Yorkshire. He was educated at Cockburn High School in Leeds and at Exeter College, Oxford, where he read English. After teaching in a variety of grammar and comprehensive schools between 1950 and 1960, he was appointed headmaster of Settle High School

His greatest school achievement began in 1964, when he became Headmaster of King Edward VI Grammar School in Totnes. Five years later the grammar school was transformed into the much larger King Edward VI Comprehensive School, on a new site on the edge of the town. Not only did Snape ensure that the transition was smoothly accomplished, but he saw the new school go on to become a highly successful example of comprehensive education.

Snape reigned at King Edward's - if reigned is not too grand a word for his splendidly unbuttoned style of headmastering — with great success until 1983, inspiring,



cajoling and enabling his expanding staff to develop a tradition of hard work and an unbounded enthusiasm for the new school they were

together creating. From 1983 to 1988 Snape was general secretary of the Secondary Heads' Association and of the Headmasters' Conference. It was at this period that his compassion and diplomacy were given full rein. The heads of state secondary schools were being ground between the upper and nether millstones of the local authorities and rebellious teaching staff. Demonstrations, boycotts and strikes were rife. Snape stiffened the heads' resolve and gave them moral support at a cost to himself of endless phone calls, long train journeys and voluminous correspondence. Those who worked with him during this time bear witness to his patience, wit and good humour under pressure. On his retirement in 1988 he was appointed OBE.

Research Fellowship in the United States in 1970, and was a member of the consultative committee of the Assessment of Performance Unit, 1975-84. and of the Teachers' Education Accreditation Council 1984-86. He was a Justice of the Peace in Devon from 1975. He published a book called Ten Sites in Totnes in 1990 and also contributed to learned journals.

The years of retirement were not entirely easy. Snape and his wife Anne had a home in Totnes and a flat in London. and they moved regularly between them. In 1994, however, they were stricken by the death of their only son, Adam.

Moreover, Snape's ill-health made it difficult for him to read for any length of time. This was irksome, for books had always given him particular pleasure. But he never lost his puckish sense of humour. Peter Snape is survived by his wife and their three daughters.

GIUSEPPE DE SANTIS

Giuseppe De Santis, Italian film director, died on May 16 aged 80. He was born on February II, 1917.

ALTHOUGH banned by the US Legion of Decency, the film Riso Amaro (Bitter Rice) was an international success, establishing its director Giuseppe De Santis as one of the key figures of the Italian neorealist movement.

A vehement anti-Fascist. committed to Marxist principals. De Santis used his movies to communicate a social message. His Riso Amaro dealt with the exploitation of girls hired seasonally as ricepicking labourers on the marshes of the Upper Po. He cast the exotic Silvana Mangano — who had been the 1946 Miss Rome - in a was vociferously hostile to

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prominent role, transforming her overnight into a star. Such concessions to popular taste, however, were criticised by many of his leftist colleagues, and De Santis never achieved the renown of such directors as Roberto Rossellini or Vittorio De Sica.

Born and brought up in Fondi, Italy, Giuseppe De Santis professed, even in his childhood to have had a "kind of mistrust of rich kids" which made him seek out the company of the local tradesmen's children instead. He studied philosophy at Rome's Centro Sperimentale di Cinematografia where he acquainted himself with Marxist theories (though officially the school was subject to Fascist control) and attended screenings of the great Soviet film makers. He



Fascism and traditional Italian cinema.

In 1940 De Santis was working as a reviewer for the magazine Cinema (edited by Benito Mussolini's son

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Vittorio), when he met Luchino Visconti and the two. who shared many of the same ideas, decided to film James Cain's novel The Postman Always Rings Twice and adapt On the strength of it De it to "the true reality of our country". De Santis and a former fellow student Mario Alicata walled themselves up in Visconti's home during the winter of 1941-42 writing the script for the film Ossessione,

which Visconti directed. It heralded the beginning of what was later to be called neo-realism: De Santis made his directoto commercialism.

rial debut in 1945 with a documentary celebrating the fall of Fascism. Its lyrical imagery owed much to Eisenstein. The first feature film he directed was Caccia Tragica (The Tragic Hunt, 1947) - a tale of confusion of identities

which reflected the chaos of postwar Italy and which, discreetly successful, was to establish itself as a key film of the neo-realist movement.

Santis was signed up by Lux, a large Italian film company of the time, and it was with them that he made Riso Amaro in 1949. He followed this with two films Non Ce Pace tra gil Ulivi (Under the Olive Tree, 1950) and Roma Ora 11 (Rome 11 o'clock, 1952). All were successful - praised for their promotion of social reform but criticised for their concessions

Yet, with his five following films. De Santis's reputation waned, though his continued loyalty to the Communist cause (even after the Soviet Union had invaded Hungary) helped him to find financing for such projects as his 1957 La strada lunga un anno (The Road That Lasted a Year), a film applauding the solidarity of unpaid workers in Yugoslavia. În 1964 he filmed in Russia a Italiani brava gente.

movie about an Italian regiment on the Eastern front. His last movie - Un'apprezzata professionista con scarsa avvenire (An Appreciated Professional with an Unlikely Future) — was made in 1972. Many considered it his worst. Nonetheless, in 1995. De Santis received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Berlin Film Festival, where he was acclaimed not only for his contribution to Italian cinema, but also for his professional

integrity. De Santis married Giovanna Valeri in 1943.



A scene from De Santis's Bitter Rice, with Silvana Mangano (centre)

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poisoned by the escape of phospene gas at Hamburg on Sunday have died since yesterday. This brings the total number of deaths up to II. There remain some 250 persons under treatment and inhabitants of the stricken area have been alarmed to learn that cases at first slight have become more serious, and that one or two persons who for more than a day had apparently remained in perfect health, have had to be removed to hospital to-day. This characteristic removed to hasptan to coay. This claimacrism, accompaniment of gas poisoning has, according to reports received in Berlin, given the scene of the disaster something of the appearance of a plague-stricken area, where men and women, haggard from sleeplessness walk about haunted by the lear that they will yet be victims of the invisible card.

THE POISON GAS

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Through the efforts of the fire brigades, the police and the technical experts summoned to Hamburg, fortunately assisted by continuous rain, the area is now safe. The gas-infected houses evacuated by their occurrants have been rendered habitable again, and stocks of foodstuffs in the shops have been inspected, and when in the lightest degree suspicious seized and destroyed. The official inquiries into the cause of the

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Although the manufacture of a poison gas for military purposes was prohibited, phosgene production was permitted for the manufacture of dyestuffs and in other industrial processes.

leakage and the origin of the phosgene are still in progress. Various firms concerned have issued progress. The Stolzenberg chemical works, now in liquidation, on whose premises the lanks were situated, state that they have no explanation to offer as regards the leakage, as the tanks were kept under expert supervision and had under zone pressure lests.

gone pressure tests.

The authorities are investigating the circumstances in which such a large quantity of a deadly gas, sufficient probably to destroy the population of Hamburg, was stored in ordinary tanks and not, as is customary, in steel containers.

With regard to the presence of the phosgene at Hamburg, it is not necessarily contrary to the terms of the Treaty of Versailles. Under the

arrangements reached between German and Allied authorities, Germany agreed to restrict her export of phospene to 24 tons annually, for industrial purposes only. In Germany itself phosgene is required in fairly huge quantities for dyestuffs production and for this and other industrial purposes, although the manufacture of poison gases for military purposes is prohibited. it was agreed that three factories should be equipped to produce the necessary quantity. Of these three factories one is capable of producing eight tons of phospene a day, and the other two between them can produce one ion a day. Nine tons a day is a large amount. The factories are probably not used to their full capacity but the existence of fairly large stocks of phospene in Germany is clearly explained.

The Stolzenberg works are not among the specified manufacturers of phosgene. The gas is stated to have been brought for export abroad, principally to the United States. It is also said to have formed part of old war stocks which, incidentally were all supposed to have been reported to the Allied Control Commission and

The experiences of the affected area are widely described in the Press as a foretaste of the fate of ilian populations in the next war, and the occasion is used as propaganda, on the one hand for pacificism and on the other hand for the movement, of Nationalist origin, in layour of militarism and civil defence measures on a large scale against gas attacks by hostile aircraft

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Leadership snub angers Tories

Grassroots Conservatives rounded on the party at Westminster after the 164 Tory MPs decided that they alone would choose a successor to John Major.

The contest will begin on June 10 under the existing rules after the backbench 1922 Committee rejected activists' demands - backed by the party chairman Brian Mawhinney - that they ___ Pages 1, 11, 10, 20 should have a say.....

Cypriot forced to attend Aids trial

■ Detectives were ordered by a Cypriot judge to arrest a fisherman accused of infecting his British lover with Aids after he admitted himself into a clinic hours before his trial was due to begin. Janette Pink accuses Pavlos Georgiou of knowingly infecting her and sentencing her to death. When he eventually appeared in court he looked a picture of health....... Pages 1, 5

Church shamed

Men in the Methodist church. including ministers and lay workers, are abusing positions of trust and sexually abusing women with whom they come Pages I, 4 into contact....

Labour's Lord

Viscount Rothermere, proprietor of the Daily Mail, which supports the Tories, has joined the Labour benches in the House of Lords. He has been sitting as a Tory since he inherited his title from his father in 1978 Page 1

England triumphs

After a shaky start the England cricket team scored a victory over Australia at Headingley and also turned in a solid performance in the fashion stakes..... Pages I, 48

'Mad cow' concession Germany eased its hardline stance on "mad cow" disease, conceding for the first time that the

transmission of the disease from cow to call was "very unlikely"... Labels lie An analysis of more than 1,400

food products has found that al-

most half of the claims made for sugar-free food and drink are

Heart victim A 16-year-old Norfolk schoolboy died from a heart attack 20 minutes after finishing his GCSE

history examination Page 6

£100m for cancer

Health Secretary Frank Dobson pledged immediate action to cut £100 million from NHS bureaucracy and spend it on breast cancer treatment.....

Threat subsides

Fears of an imminent takeover of General Abdul Rashid Dostum's liberal fieldom by the Taleban militia have faded Page 13

Pilot 'a liar'

Lieutenant Kelly Flinn, the first woman B52 pilot, was branded a liar at the court-martial as the Pentagon struggled to bring an end to what has become an embarrassing soap opera.... Page 14 KGB plot

Mehmet Ali Agca's attempt to kill the Pope in 1981 was a conspiracy organised by the KGB and which involved Bulgaria, the Italian judge taken off the case in 1985 has revealed.....

Boeing opposed The stage is set for a trade war with America after Europe objected to a merger between Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, which would give Boeing 84 per cent of the global market Page 16

Yeltsin's fury President Yeltsin sacked Igor Rodinov, Defence Minister for the last ten months, after berating

him for being lazy and incompe-

tent for not urgently introducing

military reforms

Swinging Swedes lose their libido

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■ It now seems that either the Swedish sexual revolution was a great myth or it has fizzled out. In the most comprehensive survey since the 1960s more than half of men and women claim to be sexually dissatisfied. Only a quarter of Swedish women claim to have had an affair during their married lives and a third of males admit to having committed adultery Page 17



tranian women passing by posters in Tehran of Ali Akbar Nategh-Nuri, the Speaker who is a candidate in today's presidential elections

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Lloyd Webber: Lord Lloyd-Webber, the millionaire composer, has parted company with his long-time financial adviser after a row over business strategyPage 25

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Derivatives: The Industrial Bank of Japan revealed its London branch had sufferd a £53 million loss from derivatives tradingPage 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 9.8 points to close at 4651.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 99.1 to 98. 4 after a fall from \$1.6470 to \$1.6340 and from DM2.7917 to DM2.7672.... Page 28 | Curragh...

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Golf: There is a festival air at Wentworth for the Volvo PGA Championship because everyone who is anyone in golf in Europe is there for one of the best competitive weeks of the year Page 48 Rugby union: Scott Quinnell will

replace Tim Rodber, who is ill, in the British Isles team for the opening tour match against an Eastern Province invitation XV Page 44 Racing: After making a splash at Newmarket and in the Derby preamble, Michael Stoute is turning his attention to the classics at the

Glossy pop: For all its production polish, Gary Barlow's solo debut album is a workaday affair that does nothing to halt comparisons with George Michael Page 32

A lad quite same: Not all pop stars are brain-dead drug addicts, says Caitlin Moran; some of the very biggest names are quietly getting

Flock together: Britain's biggest Swan Lake opens at the Albert Hall on Thursday with 70 swans, 250 costumes, and the world's best Odette-Odile, Altynat Asylmura-...Page 33

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Hatching plans: How Labour will

Preview: Cybill Shepherd returns as the actress juggling career, children and former husbands. Cybill (Channel 4, 9pm) Review: Peter Barnard watches television with nothing on Pages 46, 47

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Mr Blair's problem is that his colleagues may be unprepared to take no for the real answer Page 21

A touch of hubris

Mr. Brown should try to mend fences with the Governor. He might even offer a private apology. In the spirit with which this Goveroment was elected, a little modesty and humanity would not now go

Food for thought

The global challenge is as important for Cambridge and Oxford as it is for less prestigious bodies. Light and Dark Blues may remain on top for the moment. But, unlike the Boat Race, neither at home nor abroad is the contest restricted to two participants...

MATTHEW PARRIS

In attacking John Major as a trimner, William Hague has proved himself a trimmer. Calling for boldness because he was under pressure to look bold, he has shown

a yellow streak I never knew he

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PHILIP HOWARD

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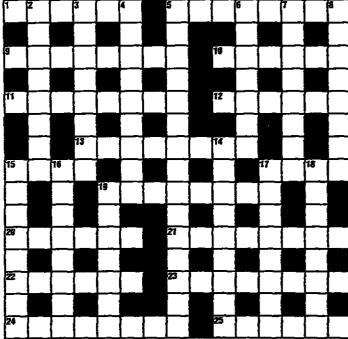
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The largest question in politics is in Labour's hands now. Will we, and when will we join the economic and monetary union?...... Page 20

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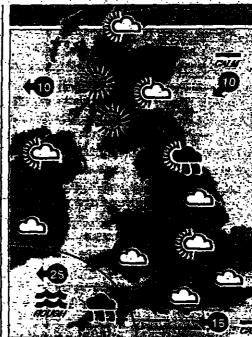
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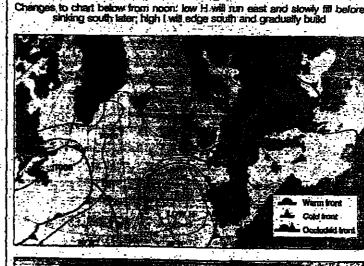
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Brown's treatment of Governor prompts anger in City



George: considered resigning

By JILL SHERMAN AND ROBERT MILLER

SENIOR City bankers are furious at the way the Governor of the Bank of England has been treated by the new Government and are insistent that he should not be forced to resign.

The row erupted this week when it became clear that Eddie George, the Governor, was "very angry" at the way in which he was told only 24 hours before the Chancellor announced on Tuesday that he would transfer the supervision of UK banks from the Bank to the beefed-up Securities and Investments Board. Mr George was assured in a private

letter from Mr Brown two weeks ago that changes to bank supervision would not happen immediately and that there would be full consultation beforehand. Mr George then briefed senior Bank directors and reassured the 425 staff working in the supervi-

Mr George has not denied that he considered resigning, but added that such thoughts "went away very quickly". However, a senior Minister is believed to want the Governor replaced, and is reported to have said he has "played into our hands".

Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of NatWest Bank group, said: "I

think Eddie George has been an excellent Governor and the fact that the Bank has been granted operational independence is a reflection of his skills. His reputation among international central banks is as a serious professional banker.

'l can see no reason whatsoever why his term should be brought prematurely to an end and very solid reasons why he should stay on for another term. If he were to go, it would create uncertainty as to whether the Government has the

approporiate judgment." Another senior banker said: "If Mr George were not such a splendid public servant he would have re-

signed on Munday. To expect someone to behave well when you are behaving badly is the height of ill manners.

Peter Birch, chief executive of Abbey National, said: Eddic George is an outstanding Governor and he will just take a little time to adapt to the massive changes that were sprung on him without warning."

The Treasury vesterday dismissed reports that Gavyn Davies, chief economist at Goldman Sachs, is set to become the next Governor of the Bank of England.

Mr Davies, a close friend of both Mr Brown and Tony Blair, had been tipped to become one of the two new

deputies at the Bank and a frontrunner to succeed Mr George whose contract expires next June. But Mr Davies is rumoured to have told Gordon Brown that he would only accept the job as deputy if he received a commitment that he would replace

Mr George. Treasury sources were yesterday playing down suggestions that Mr Davies will be one of the two new deputies. They argued that the decision did not have to be taken until the Bank of England Bill had reached the

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Beckett overrules OFT on railway franchises

By Fraser Nelson and Arthur Leathley

MARGARET BECKETT, President of the Board of Trade, yesterday overruled John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, and refered to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission the award of two train franchises to National Express, the largest railway operator.

It was the first time for six years a deal has been referred to the MMC against the director-general's advice. A spokeswoman for Mr Bridgeman said that there was no question of him resigning.

Mr Bridgeman ruled that the award of ScotRail and Central Trains to National Express, which receives £525 million a year in subsidy, didnot pose a serious competitive threat. The director-general, who waved through the Central Trains franchise, suggested National Express should divest its Scottish Citylink bus network to avoid a referral. The service is Scotland's larg-

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est coach network. In the West Midlands. where Central Trains runs. National Express owns Travel West Midland — which com-mands 70 per cent of the bus routes in the region.

The move astonished the City, who had considered the National Express deals beyond jurisdiction. Shares of National Express fell by 28 2 p. to 490 p, as did shares of every other rail operating companies, wiping £97 million from the value of the sector.

Mrs Beckett has the power to refer four other franchises: North London Railways, also

run by National Express; North West Regional Railways, jointly run by FirstBus; Regional Railways North East, run by MTL; and West Coast Railways, which is

being run by Virgin.
Colin Child, finance director
of National Express, said he was astonished by the news, which came as the company announced it was spending £39 million on 13 new train sets for its Midland Mainline franchise. Much of this work goes to Adtranz, which is located in Mrs Beckett's Der-

Mr Child said: There is not one shread of evidence to suggest that we have operated any of our networks against the public interest. We have reduced prices and improved services."

The group's five rail comanies will receive state subsidies of £525 million this year, making National Express the most heavily subsi-



Bridgeman: not resigning

dised company since the days of nationalisation.

Mrs Beckett's decision reflects concern over the control of the privatised rail network at a time when Labour is preparing tougher regulation of railway franchises.

Yesterday Glenda Jackson, the Transport Minister, said in a Commons written reply that John O'Brien, the rail franchising director, is to review his enforcement powers. She said: "We believe that the tools presently available to regulators are inadequate and have already begun to seek ways of strengthening them in the interests of passengers."

Although Government sources insisted that Mrs Beckett was not attempting to influence the MMC, they conceded that her move indicated "real concerns" about a company running coach and rail services in the same area. However, they insisted that the move did not mark the beginning of a more general trend to refer other franchises to the MMC.

The move came as John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister with responsibility for transport, has pressed the rail regulators to tighten their own control both of trainoperating companies and of Railtrack, the company in charge of track and stations. Mr Prescott is preparing a White Paper on regulation in advance of planned legislation likely to be introduced next

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Beckett: real concern over control of privatised network

UK through Internet

BY ROBERT MILLER:

TITAN, the controversial and illegal money-making scheme that took more than £17 million from 12,000 investors last year is poised to return to the UK. Inquiries by The Times have estab-lished that Titan III has set up an operation at Aalsmeer in The Netherlands and plans to use the Internet to contact British investors: It is understood that investigators at the Department of Trade and Industry

have been alerted to the new scheme. A spokeswoman for the DTI said last night. "I cannot confirm or deny that we are investigating Titan III although if anyone has any information about this we would ask them to forward it to our investigations department."

A letter to former members who last ear signed up to the Titan Business Club and a US version, Titan Interna-

tional LLC, before they were closed down, says: "The Stalinist approach of the DTI has denied you the opportunity as a member of one or other of these entities to earn the commission that you are entitled to."

Under the old Titan schemes members paid between £2,500 and £3,000 to join and recouped their fee by recruiting others and earning a commission on each new member.

Patrick Minford, the economist and former member of the Treasury's panel of "wise men", was retained as an adviser to the old Titan schemes. He said yesterday that he had "absolutely no links" with the planned new scheme.

Web Guide, a Dutch company which sets up web sites on the Internet for clients, confirmed that Titan had registered at the request of a Mrs Humphreys.

By Jason Nissé

EUROTUNNEL received a boost to its plans to restructure £2.2 billion of debts when the Anglo-French Inter-Governmental Commission said that it would allow freight services to resume through the Channel Tunnel from the middle of next month. Services have been supended since the tunnel fire last November.

The IGC, a joint body that administers the tunnel, said Eurotunnel would have to conduct a number of safety checks set out in a report from the joint safety committee last week. If these cleared Eurotunnel, the Le Shuttle freight service could start again on June 15, a month later than Eurotunnel

had orginally hoped. The safety committee criticised Eurotunnel on 36 points but said that it could operate freight services in open

carriages with covering lattices. The clearance is essential to Eurotunnel, which needs to get traffic and revenue back up to pre-fire levels to meet the conditions of its deal with banks to cut £2.2 billion from its debts of £8.7

The refinancing deal has been passed by a steering group of bankers but only goes before shareholders on July 10. The meeting, in Paris, is expected to be difficult for Eurotunnel with at least two French shareholder groups saying they might oppose the

Eurotunnel is also pressing the British and French Governments for an extension to the franchise to operate the tunnel, which has 65 years to run. Robert Malpas, Eurotunnel's joint chairman, said that extending the franchise might persuade more share-

Titan plans return to | Eurotunnel boost over freight go-ahead

holders to vote in favour of the deal.

Really Useful chief deemed no longer useful merly head of media and

By Jon Ashworth

ANDREW Lloyd Webber, the millionaire composer of award-winning musicals such as Cats and Phantom of the Opera, has fired his long time financial adviser and confidante in a row over business strategy. Patrick McKenna, chairman and chief executive of The Really Useful Group,

which looks after Lloyd Webber productions worldwide, was ousted earlier this week Bill Taylor, the chief financial officer, has been made acting chief executive until a more permanent successor is appointed. Lord Lloyd-Webber is said to be keeping a "watching brief" on

Mr McKeppia, 40, was for-

entertainments at Deloitte & Touche, the accountant, where he looked after the tax affairs of Annie Lennox, Phil Collins and Sir Cliff Richard. An adviser to Lord Lloyd-Webber since the late 1970s, he was hired full-time in 1990. when Really Useful was taken private after an unsuccessful stint on the stock market.

Mr McKenna was paid more than £7 million in 1994, and is thought to have carned £20 million in the past five years. Signs of a rift emerged in March, when Lord Lloyd-Webber hired John Reid, long-time adviser to Elton John, as his personal business manager. Mr McKenna, who had ambitious plans for Really Useful, including a leisure announce our new CEO."

given until the end of April to come up with a workable business plan.

Mr McKenna was unavailable for comment yesterday. The company issued a statement, saying: "We are happy that Really Useful is in the safe hands of Bill Taylor until we are in a position to

statute books. Anatole Kaletsky, page 29

3.1% growth and 7% rates

By Alasdair Murray

CBI forecasts

THE Confederation of British Industry yesterday predicted that Britain would enjoy two years of robust economic growth but that interest rates would climb to 7 per cent to head off rising inflation.

The CBI's "sunny" outlook was backed up by new official data that showed strong retail sales growth and above-trend GDP growth.

The CBI increased its quarterly forecast for GDP growth to 3.1 per cent this year and 2.7 per cent in 1998. But it predicted that the newly independent Bank of England would raise interest rates to 6.75 per cent by the end of this year and to 7 per cent in early 1998, unless the pound remains at its

present high levels. The pound's strength is expected to ensure inflation falls to 2.1 per cent by the end of this year but the CBI forecasts that it will rise steadily throughout 1998 to hit

a high of 28 per cent. The retail sales figures for April were complicated by a series of revisions to past data that left monthly volume growth at 0.1 per cent while the annual rate surged to 4.7 per cent from 4.4 per cent in March. The less volatile quarterly figures showed retail sales remaining strong although the annual rate of increase dipped slightly from 4.6 per cent to 4.5 per cent in the three months to the end of

The first-quarter GDP figures were revised slightly downwards from 1 per cent to 0.9 per cent but the annual rate remained unchanged at 3 per cent. The beakdown of the figures

showed continuing strong service sector growth, up 12 per cent in the quarter, contrasting with weak manufacturing growth of just 0.6 per cent. But there was an unexpected improvement in investment expenditure, which rose 3.3 per cent quarter on quarter, the largest increase since 1989. Adam Cole, UK economist

at HSBC James Capel, said the Bank of England would view the retail sales and GDP data as further evidence of the need to make an immediate rate rise unless there is fiscal tightening in the mini-Budget.

The separate publication of the CBI's monthly trends survey showed the pound continuing to hurt manufacturers.

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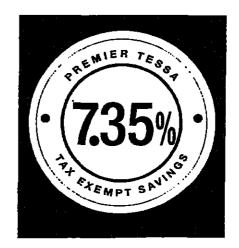
second biggest generator, is pumping £421 million into Eastern power p but still wants to pitch for a regional electricity company in the UK. However, the company remained quiet on the impending windfall tax.

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PowerGen spends £421m on stakes in two Far East plants

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By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

POWERGEN, the country's second-biggest generator, yesterday pumped £421 million into Far Eastern power projects but said that it could still pitch for a regional elec-

tricity company in the UK. The company, which kept silent on the impending windfall tax, is eager to set in place a rounded strategy in energy. with involvement at every stage in the process. Last year it was blocked from buying Midlands Electricity when the Government overturned a Monopolies and Mergers Commission recommendation.

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Ed Wallis, executive chairman, said PowerGen would look "very seriously" at buying a regional company if conditions allowed. It is thought that the Government may look more favourably on allowing generators to buy regional companies in the spirit of supporting companies that could become national champions. Only Southern Electric, which had been targeted by National Power, remains independent but American owners of other regional businesses are rumoured to want to re-sell.

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PowerGen's new overseas investments are a 40 per cent stake in an Indonesian coalfired power station, at a cost of £159 million, and a 30 per cent interest, costing £262 million. in a coal plant in Thailand. Deryk King, managing director, said the company aims to deliver £100 million in operating profits from international operations by 2001.

The generator is under pressure to grow business outside the UK as its domestic market share falls. PowerGen has 21.6 per cent of the electricity market after it was forced to sell power stations to promote fits from the two-stage sale of competition. That share is set the generators, refused to say whether it would fight a tough to slip further as more independent power plants start tax through the courts. For the year to March 31. production. But Mr Wallis said, after talks with the PowerGen had a £69 million gain on the sale of its stake in regulator, that he did not

of a recommendation by the depreciation charge on some Trade and Industry Commitof its stations. Pre-tax profits, tee that competition in generation should be scrutinised. PowerGen, whose windfall tax submission to the Trea-

believe the generator faced

further enforced sales, in spite

taxpayers have enjoyed bene-

before exceptionals, rose 2 per cent to E575 million. The final dividend, due July 31, was set at 17.4p, making a total of 25.2p, up 19 per cent. surv is believed to echo National Power's argument that

Midlands Electricity but also

took a 198 million accelerated

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Labour 'to allow' sale of warships

BRITAIN'S lucrative warship sales would not be threatened by the Government's emphasis on human rights when granting export li-censes, Vosper Thornycroft said yesterday.

The company, one of three UK warship yards, said Labour ministers would promote arms sales to the Middle and Far East, whatever the public rhetoric. Martin Jay, chief executive, said: "The countries we export to have nothing to fear from Labour." Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary. is due to announce export guidelines for arms sales. Last year Vosper delivered

two fast strike craft to Oatar, a second corvette to Oman and a minehunter to Saudi Arabia, then the focus of human Mr Jay is waiting to meet

Lord Gilbert, the Defence Procurement Minister, but export licenses will not be a priority. Mr Jay will lobby for the extension of competitive tendering to warship refits. For the year to March 31. Vosper reported pre-tax profits of £31 million, up 11 per

cent, and a £116 million cash

pile. Earnings per share rose to 61.9p from 57.9p, and the dividend rose II per cent to



Pattullo attacks regional tax for Scotland

By Jason Nesse

ONE of Scotland's most senior. bankers has launched a savage attack on Labour plans to give tax-raising powers to any future Edinburgh parliament. Sir Bruce Pattullo, Governor

of the Bank of Scotland, said in his bank's annual report that Scottish business would be disadvantaged if tax was raised from Edinburgh.
"Any form of additional re-

gional tax can only handicap Scottish business and com-merce and discourage vital investment by UK and overseas companies, wrote Sir Bruce. "The entire Scottish electorate will need to think very seriously about the risk of adverse consequences from any such tax."

The attack, which the Bank said reflected the policy of Scotland's second-largest bank, comes ahead of the passage through Parliament early next month of the bill to allow a referendum on the devolution plans. Any referendum is expected to be in the autumn. Sir Bruce's comments follow other attacks from Scottish business leaders, notably Brian Stewart of Scottish Courage, who said that a higher tax rate could prevent Scottish firms from hiring top staff and scare off investment north of

thought it has won the support of the Scottish financial community, with firms including Standard Life and Scottish Widows being mentioned as supporters of devolution during the election campaign Many of the Scottish financial companies, including Bank of Scotland, are headquartered within the constituency of Alastair Darling, Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

Sir Bruce also questioned Labour's ability to collect the tax -- expected to add up to 3p in the pound to income tax rates. He said the proposal was controversial and that "many serious collection, administrative and motivational problems remain hidden".

He suggested that Labour may turn to a sales tax, something which has been rejected by Henry McLeish, the

Insurance warning for motorists

THE Department of Trade and Industry has warned motorists to check their insurance policies after the discovery of an unauthorised company trading on the Lloyd's market. Drivers who have taken out policies through Eastern Star Motor Policies or SOS Insurance Services, both of which are supposed to be in east London, are driving uninsured. Eastern Star is not authorised to carry on insurance business in the UK and is registered at an address in Gracechurch Street which does not exist SOS is registered at an accommodation address in St Georges Road.

A spokesman for the DTI said vehicle owners holding a cover note or certificate issued by, or in the name of Eastern Star, should contact their insurance adviser. Police are understood to have launched an investigation.

Downgrading hits Reed

SHARES of Reed International, joint owner of the Reed Elsevier publishing group, fell 18p to 6072p yesterday after a downgrading by Merrill Lynch, the Wall Street investment firm. The fall also came after a federal court ruling in New York that may affect trading at Lexis-Nexis, Reed Elsevier's on-line publisher of legal material. The ruling removed much of the copyright protection claimed by West Publishing, a Thomson subsidiary, whose material is distributed on Lexis-Nexis.

American-BA link hope

AMERICAN AIRLINES plans to go ahead with some kind of partnership with British Airways even if regulators block an alliance. Bob Crandall, chairman of AMR, parent company of American, told the annual shareholders' meeting in Dallas that, under the current UK-US bilateral agreement, "we can do a big piece of what we seek to do, without any new approvals. Regulators in Washington, London and Brussels are currently assessing the BA-American link-up.

CIA Group acquisition

CIA GROUP, the advertising media specialist media buyer. is acquiring the MarMedia Group, with offices in Sweden. Norway and Denmark, for a maximum £29.6 million in cash and shares. The purchase will be part funded from the proceeds of a £17 million share placing and open offer. MarMedia earned aggregate profits of £5.1 million before tax and exceptional items last year on turnover of £250 million. The company is placing new shares at 150p each.

Southnews adds papers

SOUTHNEWS, the local newspaper publisher, has added the Asian Times and Caribbean Times to its stable. The group, which also owns Eastern Eye and publishes 35 paidfor and free papers in and around London, yesterday reported record profits. Pre-tax profits rose 88 per cent to £6.3 million (£3.4 million) in the year to March 29. A final dividend of 5.5p (£.05p) a share, due on August 1, makes a total of 7.75p (5.81p) from earnings of 26.61p (£4.62p).

Vibroplant to buy

VIBROPLANT, the plant hire company, has agreed to buy Torrent (Rugeley), a tool hire busiess, for a maximum consideration of £9.95 million in cash and shares. In the year to September 30, 1996, Torrent earned pre-tax profits of £1.05 million on sales of 1254 million. Vibroplant is further expects to pay a final of 2.65p, maintaining the total at 4.05p.

Interflora rebels reject ballot plea

By Fraser Nelson

REBEL florists who voted out the old board of Interflora have rejected a petition from 400 members of the bouquet delivery network demanding that the future of the association is put to a general vote.

The new board, which came to power on a show of hands at an emergency meeting two weeks ago, said vesterday that it will not proceed with a ballot of all the association's 2800

The decision infuriated the uusted board members, who claim that under the association's articles, a postal ballot must now be taken. They said in a statement. This is a very

sad day for Interflora. The new board's actions fly in the face of democracy and demonstrate a total disregard for the view of the members." They will decide on Tuesday whether to take the new board to court.

The dispute erupted over the former board's decision to raise annual membership fees while reducing the cost for each delivery transaction. Rebels, led by Bev Wood, a Leeds florist, argued this would squeeze out smaller sellers. There were also fears that the reforms mooted by the old board would lead the company to demutualisation and end up in a possible floration.

Exchange returns £10m after cuts

By ADAM JONES

THE Stock Exchange is returning £10 million to members after cutting costs by nearly a quarter last year. The exchange's underlying

income for the year to March 31, 1997, dropped from £196,1 million to £191.8 million, reflecting the loss of income from the transfer of settlement business from the paper-based Talisman system to Crest.

Progress in the exchange's massive efficiency drive, however, meant operating costs were down from £161.3 million to £122.4 million, leaving a pre-tax surplus of £25.3 mil-tion (£9.5 million). This enabled £17.1 million to be

transferred to reserves, compared with £800,000 in the Provisions of £41.5 million

were also made against the cost of the exchange's restructuring and strategy change.

Many of the cost savings were made through staff cuts. At one point in the 1980s, the Exchange had about 3,500 employees. This has now been reduced to 750-725, and is soon

to drop to 550. Gavin Casey, chief executive, said: This is the fourth year in a row we have reduced our costs." He is optimistic that the rate of new international listings will

POWERGEN plc

SCRIP DIVIDEND PLAN hunne dividends paid to them in PowerGen shares (known as

"New Shares"), instead of by cheque. To do so, they have to complete and return a Scrip Dividend Mandate form. Subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting on 14 July

1997, PowerGen's 1996/97 Final Dividend - 17.4p net per share is to be paid on 31 July 1997 to shareholders registered in the Company's books at the close of business on 6 June 1997.

Shareholders who have already sem in a Scrip Dividend Mandate form will be paid the Final Dividend in shares, and need do nothing more. Shareholders who would like to be paid in shares should phone PowerGen's Registrars on 0117 976 3005. The Registrars will supply the Terms and Conditions of the Scrip Dividend Plan and a Scrip Dividend Mandate form. They can also deal with any queries, and cancellations.

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14 July 1997	Annual General Meeting
by 30 July 1997	Dividend Cheques and Certificates for New Shares posted
31 July 1997	Final Dividend paid. New Shares can be traded

POWERGEN THE SUR SHILLING CONTRACTORS

Skye project costs are a bridge too far twice the initial estimate of £6 million -

one of the first Private Finance Initiative projects after a large overspend by a government department and a lack of comparison in bidding costs for the building of the bridge to the Isle of Skye (Christine Buckley writes).

The Scottish Office Development Department paid the developer £12 million towards the building of the bridge —

withdrawn by the final stage of the hid. The bridge was finished in 1995, six years after the project started. Sir John

although it said additional costs were difficult to avoid because of alterations stemming from a public inquiry. It was further hampered by having to negotiate costs with the developer. Miller Dywidag, because other hidders had procedures could have been implement-

al, said lessons should be learnt from the Skye project although his office emphasised that it was an early PFI programme and is now being judged in the light of experience. In the NAO's first investigation into PFI work Sir John said a number of

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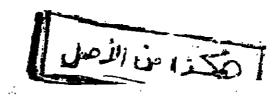
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the Office of Fair Trading.

John Bridgeman, the OFT's Director-General, should find a quiet corner to commiserate with Eddie George, another victim of the new Government's trampling tendencies.

The Governor of the Bank of England is being treated with near contempt by Chancellor Gordon Brown and his gang. The sin of giving the Governor barely 24-hours notice of a cataclysmic change in the Bank's role is now being compounded by a drip feed of rumours that he can forget any plans for a second term of office.

The much varinted partner-ship which New Labour is pledged to establish with the business world is looking a trifle rocky after this dual attack.

To be fair to Mrs Beckett, she has made no secret of her wishes to tighten up competition policy, and rail franchises provide her with a publicly popular starting point. Bridgeman is graciously indicating that trains are a special case and he is not taking offence at being over-ridden. But even before the election, he had

I was Michael Heseltine who promised to intervene before breakfast, bunch and dinner; but yesterday the new President of the Board of Trade adopted a

what power he does have subsumed in this manner.

His predecessor, Sir Bryan Carsberg, quit after finding the level of ministerial intervention in competition issues intolerable. and that was before the realous Mrs B moved into office.

She can, at least, make a case for her actions being in the public interest but it is harder to see how the fiasco over the Bank of England can be portrayed as anything other than arrogance or ineptitude.

Poor Mr George, one of the world's more respected central bankers, was understandably furious about the short notice he was given of Chancellor Brown's planned changes. But he did not threaten to resign. There are now hints that certain liabour politicians may be keen to engineer just such a departure, although the motives are opaque. We can surely discount stories that their problem is to create a recovery. intention is to create a vacancy for the benefit of Gavyn Davies, a net Labour economist, for his appointment in the wake of such stories would eliminate the idea of an independent Bank of



Luckily, Mr George is a suf-ficiently independent spirit for the recent turn of events to have ensured that resignation is not

However, the episode has stirred up uncertainty, not just at the Bank but in the financial markets. Mr Brown should be wary of believing that the Gov-ernment can sweet talk the money men as easily as it can some parts of the business com-

S torehouse has an image problem. Its penchant for changing finance directors has not helped, and the bow ties favoured by the current incum-bent's predecessor, Terry Steele, coupled with his previous employment at Lloyd's Chemists certainly raised eyebrows. But the company insists that the

figures should be allowed to speak, and they tell a reasonable

Storehouse is not yet in the Marks & Spencer league, but it is now a focused business with two main brands: BhS and Mother-care. The former is growing at a reasonable rate and the indications are that it has found a recipe which will speed that up. Stores which have been subjected to the refurbishment, coyly dubbed Millennium stores, are showing double the growth rate of the rest of the chain. Sadly, the

group's major London stores have not yet been given the full Millennium treatment, which contributes to the image prob-lem: retail analysts do venture into shops occasionally, but they do not venture far from home. Mothercare is a different story. The company has a host of excuses for why this once power-

meant for the corporate long ful brand saw sales fall over the year and most of them have been Edelman and his chairman, Alan Smith, survivor of a brief heard before. The message that

they are enjoying some growth at the moment hits that image

problem, since the company

cannot explain why the excuses

for the last twelve months no

But it should be possible to rebuild Mothercare as the cate-

gory killer it once was. Whether

it was necessary to so generously relieve Boots of the problem of

Childrens World in order to do so

has yet to be proven. Keith Edelman came to Store-

house with the reputation of a

young man eager to do deals -

another image problem for a business that clearly needed

strong operational management after an eventful few years. Conranisation had been followed

by the colourful reign of the

banana-chewing American

David Dworkin. Both knew a lot

about image but neither were

longer apply.

covering that Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy did not have need of a chief executive at Kinglisher, are now trying to tell the City that they know what is needed at Storehouse. The answer is simple: more sales.

and uncomfortable stint dis-

Once they convince that they can produce them, the image problem should fade very fast.

Rough ride for transport shares

s the monopolies commission, as per instructions from its new boss, takes a look at the ScotRail and Central Trains franchises, it will have to judge whether combined rail and bus operators offer customers coordinated, improved transport services or give operators the chance for some predatory pric-ing. If the answer is "possibly" on both counts, then Mrs Beckett will not be slow to call for tighter regulation to try to secure the first without the second.

If restrictions meant that a few single-asset companies went bust and had to be run as public bodies again, well, that hardly constitutes renationalisation.

National Express has indicated that it could certainly cope with a little more squeezing. and had already acceded to some of the demands of the OFT if its acquisitions were to proceed. But other, less well subsidised, companies could find it rather harder to accommodate a new, tougher pricingregime

Transport company shares were already showing a wariness of the new Government and now have good reason to shudder.

If the monopolies commission takes the view that overlapping transport systems are un-desirable for Scotland, then is that to be the view about the rest

of the country?

And what if the inquiry in the Midlands takes in, as it must, those bus routes which provide almost two thirds of National Express's group profits — and decides such a monopoly is too powerful?

Up in smoke

☐ A NEW anti-smoking drug has just hit the pharmacists of the United States. Sadly, it cannot help those in the UK who are addicted to the dreaded weed. It seems that the Health Department refuses to designate smoking as a disease. If logic prevails, this attitude may soon change, in line with the government attitude to tobacco advertising. Glaxo, makers of the said drug, are not holding their

BNB set for sharp drop in income

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By Jon Ashworth

BNB Resources, the recruitment-to-training company that owns Norman Broadbent International (NBI), is braced for a sharp. drop in income from headhunting activities.

A one-year cross-subsidy

arrangement with former headhunting colleagues ended in March, depriving BNB of at least £1 million in income. Former NBI staff, including Miles Broadbent, co-founder of Norman Broadbent, were obliged to hand over 50 per. cent of their earnings for 12 months, under a deal agreed with David Norman, chairman of BNB This cushion has now ended, leaving BNB to make up the shortfall, Mr Broadbent and his former colleagues are thought to have handed over in excess

of El million last year. Journalists were excluded from yesterday's annual meeting of BNB shareholders. In a statement released to the market, Mr Norman described 1996 as "a year ofsignificant reorganisation and, in aggregate, lower profitability", and said that 1997 profits would be more the second half, reflecting 'slower progress" in executive search. He added: "We now rely proportionately much less heavily upon the contribution from Norman Broadbent."

Mr Norman, who was paid £627,000 last year, down from £765,000 in 1995, is likely to have faced questions about the substantial NBI staff departures, which saw operating income at NBI fall 33 per cent in the year to end-December. The fall came in spite of the cushioning effect of the cross-subsidy

arrangement The numbers were boosted further by a fullyear contribution from Goodman Graham, the IT recruitment specialist.

Mr Norman's share of NBI profits increased to £191,000 (£175,000), but his BNB performance bonus tumbled from £193,000 to £30,000, leaving him with an overall bonus of £221,000. He earned a ba-sic salary of £380,000 in

Mothercare suffers as parents buy 'brands'

HEAVY spending by parents on branded sportswear for older children is eating into the money available for clothes for the under-fives, Storehouse claimed yesterday (See Commentary, this page). Keith Edelman, chief execu-tive of Storehouse, the owner of Bhs and Mothercare, said: Some of the money that goes into 2- to 5-year-olds is going out to pay for some of the highly priced branded goods."

He said this was one reason why Mothercare failed to meet its targets last year. Although, operating profits moved ahead by 10.7 per cent to £26.8 million, sales growth was dependent of the strength of the international franchise busi-

GLENMORANGIE is sizing up three subsidiaries of Guinness and Grand Metro-

politan with a view to bidding

for businesses jettisoned as

part of the brewing giants' £23 billion merger.

The company, which

bought Allied Domecq's Islay

distillery for £7 million last year, said it is still capable of

Geoffrey Maddrell, chair-man, said: "We do not feel

threatened by the merger.

more acquisitions.

cent to £45.4 million. Mothercare's like-for-like sales - disclosed for the first time — fell by 3.3 per cent. Mr Edelman said that Mothercare was trying to counter the competition from

branded sportswear by rede-signing its clothing along similar lines — for example, a Thomas the Tank Engine sweatshirt that majored on the word "Thomas" and incorporated only a small logo. Mr Edelman commented: "A 2- to 5-year-old does not really want to run around in

Geoffrey Maddrell views the Guinness-GrandMet merger as an opportunity

Glenmorangie cheer

By Fraser Nelson

and, in the short term, we

view it as an opportunity. Things are bound to drop off

the bus, and these are brands

Yesterday the company re-

turned pre-tax profits of £7.8 million (£6.57 million) for the

year to March 31 buoyed by

the success of exports and its

Glenmorangie Expressions

and Glemmorangie Wood Finishes, the new brands,

lifted their sales by 20 per cent

new range of whiskies.

which we could pick up."

Nike. He wants to run around in Thomas the Tank Engine or Postman Pat — but he wants to do it in a fashionable way." Storehouse was reporting

profits from £109.9 million to £97.8 million in the 52 weeks to March 29. Group sales rose 15 per cent to £1.25 billion. The profits fall was because of the El6.4 million cost of restruc-turing Childrens World, bought from Boots last year, and a £5.1 million goodwill writeback on the sale of Blazer, the menswear chain. Retail operating profits rose 17 per cent to £119 million.

Bhs increased its profits by 14 per cent to £88.3 million. A strong Christmas contributed to a 3.1 per cent rise in like-forlike sales. Storehouse said it now had

sufficient profits to invest £120 million this year in new stores, rolling out its "millennium"

over the year. Glen Moray, the Highland mait, saw a 46

per cent increase in volume.

Mr Maddrell said the com-

pany is saving the whisky for bottling in anticipation of a

surge in demand over the next five years. Earnings were 41.26p per limited voting A share, and 20.63p per B share,

both up 3 per cent. The total dividend rises 10 per cent to

13.2p per A share with a 10.175p final, and to 6.6p per B

share, with a 5.087p final.

Bhs, and converting Childrens World to Mothercare World. This programme is expected to create 1,000 new jobs.

Storehouse intends to spend more than £50 million modernising its management information systems over the next three years.

The company said that group sales in the eight weeks to last Saturday were 15.5 per cent ahead of last year. UK sales at Bhs were 6.7 per cent up, while Mothercare was 5.7 per cent

A final dividend of 4.8p will increase the total payout by 13 per cent to 8.1p a share.

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Vaux sees benefits of pubs exit

RETREAT from tenanted pubs helped Vaux, the hotels, pubs and brewing combine, to lift profits to £15.2 million (£13.3 million) at the halfway stage as the company shifted towards the better-performing hotels business.

Vaux has shed one in ten of its 776 pubs over the last year, leaving its Swallows Hotels chain to make 50 per cent of trading profit for the first time. Its managed pubs returned a 14 per cent increase in profit, to £4.7 million, with the growth led by demand for food. Sir Paul Nicholson. chairman, said the decline in profits from the remaining pubs is showing signs of slowing in spite of a disap-

pointing Easter. The hotel chain lifted profitability from 26 per cent to 29

per cent, with room rates rising to £49.12 (£45.14). St Andrews, the nursing home chain sold to Highfield Group last year for £11.5 million, bowed out with departures plunging from 16 per cent to 23 per cent and operating profit declining 24 per cent to E1.32 million.

Overall, earnings rose to 8.33p (7.23p) for the 24 weeks to March 15 and an interim dividend of 3.7p (3.56p) is due on July 7.

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Graseby chief recruited by Balfour to boost margins

By PAUL DURMAN

BALFOUR BEATTY is attempting to improve the margins of its UK construction activities by recruiting Paul Lester, chief executive of Graseby, the electronic instruments company.

Mr Lester, who has run Graseby for seven years, will be managing director of UK construction, which encom-passes Balfour Beatty Construction. Haden Building Services, the mechanical engineering business, and Balfour

Kilpatrick, the electrical engineering contractor. He will report to Mike Welton, Balfour Beatty's chief executive. Alan Jones, chief executive of BICC, the cables group that owns Balfour Beatty, is anxious to improve profit margins

from the construction business. Last year Ballour Beatty made only £10 million of profit from £2.1 billion of sales. UK construction provides more than a third of this turnover. Mr Lester, 47, had a chequered time at Graseby as the company struggled with

and a variety of other problems. He said yesterday: "The one success I have had is getting the margins up from 3 per cent to over 10 per cent."

Balfour Beatty will pay Mr Lester more than the £184,000 salary he received from Graseby last year. Mr Lester's replacement at Graseby is John Hawkins, who was formerly president of Philips Media, a computer games and CD-Rom business.

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Mortgages

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Reed International price suffers from double blow

REED INTERNATIONAL was on the end of a "double whammy" as its share price fell ISp to 60712p, having briefly touched 59612p in heavy turnover of almost II million shares.

First it was hit by a change of recommendation from Merrill Lynch, the broker, which downgraded the shares from a buy to "accumulate". Reed was then rattled by a US court ruling, which, it is feared. could affect trading at Lexis-Nexis, the on-line publisher of legal material owned by Reed

The court ruling removed cupyright protection claimed by West Publishing, bought last year by the Thomson Organisation for \$3.4 billion. which is distributed via Lexis-Nexis. Followers of Reed said the ruling axuld make legal research cheaper, thereby eat-Reed quickly dismissed brokers fears, claiming it would have only a minimal impact.

Elsewhere, prices recovered opening falls to move ahead on selective support. But the gains were eventually halved as the market faced up to falls on the bond market of more than £112 and an uncertain start to trading on Wall Street.

The FT-SE 100 index, luelled by the weaker than expected April retail sales, was up almost 20 points at one stage before reducing the lead to 9.8 at 4.651.8 by the close. A total of 836 million shares changed hands.

Among blue chips Cadbury Schweppes added another 1012 p at 552p as brokers continued to take a positive line on prospects after a two-day tour of confectionery operations. They say Cadbury is thinking in terms of 20 per cent earnings growth longer term.

Carlton Communications rose 4p to 52112p with the market continuing to reflect on this week's profits news. ABN Amro Houre Govett, the broker, has set a target price for the shares of 600p.

thumbs up to full-year figures from Storehouse, led by Keith Edelman, chief executive, and Chris Martin, finance director. Profits came in at the top end of expectations. The shares responded with a rise of 7p to 22312p. HSBC James Capel and NatWest Securities are both believed to have dations but Cazenove, the company's own broker, is said



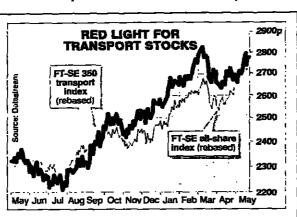
Keith Edelman, left, and Chris Martin saw Storehouse rise

to have downgraded its current-year forecast by £5 mil-

lion to £130 million. PowerGen firmed bp to 694p on the back of trading news while rival National Power was steady at 544'2p after reporting earlier in the week. Dresdner Kleinwort Benson has been telling clients to switch out of National Power and into PowerGen.

suggesting that PowerGen may eventually bid for Southern Electric, one of the few remaining independent regional electricity companies. Southern closed lp firmer at 411p.

Attempts at a rally Celitech proved short lived. After briefly touching 3574p the price retreated to end the session a further 8½ p down at 33212p stretching the fall on Meanwhile, speculators are the week to 31712 p.



National Express went into reverse, falling 282p to 49012 p after its acquisitions of the Central Trains and Scotrail franchises became the first referrals of the Labour Government to the Commission.

The move also dragged the other coach companies lower. with Go-Ahead Group losing 23p at 448 2p. Stagecoach 13p at 648p, and

FirstBus 712p at 214p. The referral caught the City on the hop and was described by a broker with one leading firm as "the new Government eager to

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try out all the new toys". He added: "The move will prevent the likes of National Express from running down its bus operations and abusing its position as a provider of public transport. The Government will be anxious to see the coach network retained and prices remaining competi-

sector generally has been carrying a lot of regulators weight and this has been reflected in share prices.

"At this level they are looking incredibly cheap. said another broker.

Newcomer Heart of Midlo-
thian, which this week be-
came the first Scottish side to
achieve a full stock market
listing, appears to have few
fans in the City, with the price
dropping another 10p to
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That compares with the 140p the shares were placed at earlier this week. Brokers complain that the end of the football season has seen inter-est in clubs tall off.

There was little support for this week's other sporty newcomer Eagles, owner of the Sheffield Eagles, which re-treated a further 2½p to 3lp compared with the flotation price of 40p. Just as the group made its debut on AIM, it reported that the Sheffield agles head coach Phil Larder had left and would be replaced by John Kear.

Pilkington continued to make headway after this week's departure of Roger Leverton as chief executive. The shares added 32p to 125p. Mr Leverton has been replaced by Paulo Scaroni.

A bullish report from Charterhouse Tilney, its own broker, lifted Car Group 3p to 1672 p. Tilney describes prospects as "excellent" and says the group is in a position to grow substantially over the

new few years.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Brokers reported a dramatic steepening of the yield curve after the poor response to the latest auction. The issue of £1.5 billion of Treasury 8 per cent 2021 was just 1.29 times covered with bids worth £1.9 billion. This combined with selling of other European bonds later in the day succeeded in driving prices at the longer end of the market more than E12 lower although there was support for shorter-dated issues at the lower levels.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt was £1116 down at Elll's as the total number of contracts complet-ed surged to 143,000. In longs. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was Eise down at Ellib 132, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £516 easier at

□ NEW YORK: Shares declined in morning trading. taking on the inflation worries of bonds and tracking them lower as the benchmark 30year treasury bond touched a key 7 per cent yield. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 28.44 at 7.262.25.

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POWERGEN is pitching strongly to be-come a global company to offset the decline of its share of the UK market. Pumping more than £421 million into Far Eastern power projects bolsters its growing international expansion and the nation's second biggest generator now expects to be earning £100 million a year from outside the United

Kingdom by 2001. But PowerGen lags behind National Power, which expects to earn £145 million from overseas operations this year.
Increasingly National Power, which was once perceived as the plodding larger relative to the dynamic and high-profile PowerGen, is finding greater favour with

PowerGen's 1996-97 figures were affected by a £98 million accelerated depreciation charge for some of its power stations and current year figures will look healthier. But concerns remain about market share as more independent power producers provide competition. Earnings are likely to be pretty flat at best in the domestic arena.

There is also uncertainty about PowerGen's strategic direction. The company has hinted at greater exposure to the gas market, and acquisitions are possible.

With gearing at just 34 per cent and a share buyback no longer on the agenda it is evident that PowerGen can afford to exercise its healthy balance sheet.

PowerGen is very much a wait-and-see stock. With the shares trading at 694p esterday - close to a record high - there is no harm in buying moderately but with a measure of caution.

between Vaux and its peers

is in the valuation of its

shares. At 27712p, they are

still sitting on some 30 per cent discount to the market.

This rating suggests it is

the sector. But it has dumped

what was had in the business

and is enhancing what is

good. Its shares are now fit to

Vaux -

VAUX is crawling out of the leisure sector's sin bin. After washing away its main Bass only managed I per cent growth — a respectable gap for a company still viewed by the City as going. problem areas - St Andrew's nursing homes and the lesser performing managed houses - it seems to be scrubbing up quite well and its shares are begin-

ning to look cheap. Swallow Hotels, long viewed as a gem in Vaux's operations, is coming into ever greater prominence after the clearout.

It now accounts for just under half of the company's business and is delivering underlying profits growth

growing by 9.3 per cent somewhat behind the average 12 per cent achieved by its neers but still keeping up

VAUX GROUP: BEER GOES FLAT

Vosper .

IN THE highly political business of warship sales, gov-ernment support can make a significant difference to the order book, Michael Portillo was a tireless salesman for Vosper Thornycroft in the Middle East. Investors now have to satisfy themselves that George Robertson, the new Defence Secretary, will match his efforts. Labour's enthusiastic post-election moves bode well. But Vosper will want more than just

enthusiasm. Vosper executives are right to believe that the new veto future orders. Warship sales are both rare and very lucrative. A veto would not only slow job creation but would also destroy Lab-our's carefully constructed image as a friend of UK pic. However, humanitarian issues can take on a momentum of their own. Labour's human rights agenda will

encourage activists to seek

But in the absence of political problems, Vosper looks set to grow further. While some of the long-term shipbuilding contracts are running out this year, the support services business has grown to 40 per cent of turnover. These activities are less cyclical and look set to eventually reach 50 per cent of turnover - a healthy mix. The sizeable cash pile will be useful on the acquisition trail. Nevertheless, investors should want until the results of the expected six month defence review are known

Graseby

hard graft at Graseby is ending with the company's share price almost exactly where he found it, yet the likeable Mr Lester has attracted only moderate criticism. Graschy

new targets for their export were either too small or at the mercy of forces beyond its control - whether it be turnbling defence budgets, the squeeze on healthcare spending or environmental

> John Hawkins, Mr Lester's replacement as chief execu-tive, speaks enthusiastically about the bulging order book for Graseby's chemical weapons monitor. Yet longer term. this business is too lumpy and too narrow to provide quality earnings for Graseby. The company has recently focused more of its attention on medical pumps and infusion equipment, and that looks a

Mr Hawkins comes from Philips Electronics, a company with a wretched record of making money from tech-PAUL LESTER'S seven years nology. He spent last year assembling a \$150 million computer games and multimedia business, only for Philips to discard it when it changed strategy (again). In-..vestors must hope he has bethad too many businesses that ter luck at Graseby.

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Small firms are more to blame

From G. P. Trace

Sir, The current initiative to make interest on overdue business debt overlooks one essential fact. It is not the large company that regularly pays at 60, 90 or even 120 days that does the damage. This is predictable and once the initial credit period is financed the supplying company receives regular monthly payments. Should interest on over-due debt become mandatory, these large companies will merely negotiate 60, 90 or 120 days as of right, avoid interest and nothing will have

Ten years working at the heart of the problem as a management consultant advising small to mediumsized companies tells me that the real damage is caused when one small company runs into financial trouble and completely stops paying another, often causing a domino effect. I have tackled the problem from both sides and can state that charging interest will do nothing. The struggling company would gladly pay interest rather than the capital sum owed. The interest is an irrelevance to the cashflow of the recipient. (About £80 per month on a £10,000 debt.) However, any interest paid reduces the total fund available to pay its creditors — again nothing has

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changed. There will be administrative costs in complying. Will a credit licence be needed and, if not, is this a loophole for unscrupulous companies, is the interest to be invoiced and be liable to tax as extra profit. possibly before it is received? I could go on, but I hope that this is enough to cause supporters of this outwardly sensible idea to revisit their proposal and think again. Yours faithfully.

G. P. TRACE, Sandston, 19 Fairview Road. Oxton, Birkenhead,

Stop whingeing about sterling

From S. W. de Looze

Sir. I am fed up with UK companies moaning about the strength of the pound and using it as an excuse for falling profits. May I use your columns

to remind British industry that Germany and Japan have lived for 50 years or so with a constantly appreciating currency. Then economies remain two of the most successful in the world Rather than calling for sterling to be steadily depreciated in order to maintain its competitiveness, British industry should take a leaf out of the Germany-Japan book and use a strong pound as a driver for innovation efficiency

improvement. Let's hear no more of this whingeing. Yours faithfully, S. W. de LOOZE, 10 South Park View, Gerrards Cross.

Buckinghamshire.

quip about second marriages: "A triumph of hope over experience." A Bank source said the £3 million was a deposit that Slater, Walker had always had there. It was treated as a residual asset when the business was wound up after being in members' voluntary liquidation for several years. I wonder vaguely why credi-tors did not get the cash. Because we

• THE after dinner cabaret at the Building Societies Association was Helen Shapiro, the Sixties pop singer. This led to a rather curious cultural clash, my spies tell me. All the crusty old members of the BSA were busy pretending they had never heard of her: "Before my time. Frightful pop stuff. Led Zeppelin. now that was proper music." Unfortunately, in one of those weird and increasingly common shifts in popular culture, Ms Shapiro, by virtue of her age and utter naffness, is now blindingly cool again. So she went down a storm with the younger members. Me, I lost the plot when the style



ANATOLE KALETSKY

Brown's blunders will hit taxpayers in the pocket

Lower growth projections

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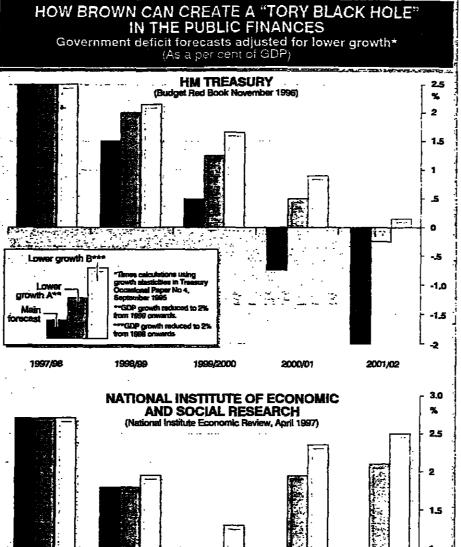
or the first time in my life I can feel some sympathy for Sir Iain Vallance, the "fat car" chairman of British Telecom. Sir lain famously said this week that if he had known what Tony Blair was going to do to his company, he would not have voted Labour. If I had known what Gordon Brown was going to do to the economy, I would have voted for the Monster Raving Loony Party. After just three weeks in power, Mr Brown has made enough potentially disastrous misjudgments to match the lifetime achievements of John Major and Nigel Lawson...

His latest blunder (I will come to the most serious one later) was to allow his minions to start a whispering campaign against Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England. The apparent intention was to put a personal friend and longtime political associate of Mr Brown's in charge of the supposedly independent Bank. Like the Chancellor's other rushed wheezes and gimmicks, the attack on Mr George was probably never planned in detail. It was just that the previous day's Brown gimmick - the sudden announcement of a new super-regulator for the City — created an opportunity for spin-doctors that was too good to resist.

The characteristically high-handed manner of the Chancellor's announcement so annoyed Mr. George that the Governor let slip at a press conference that he had considered resignation. The Labour spin-doctors reacted as sharks do to blood. They could not restrain themseives from telling the Financial Times that Mr George had "played into our hands", adding that there was now a "high probability" of the Governor being replaced. These inflammatory comments were far more sig-

nificant than Mr George's outburst itself. Steady Eddie, whose temperament does not always do justice to his monicker, is actually renowned for his tantrums. A senior Treasury official once famously remarked that having small children was a vital qualification for working with the Bank of England, since it offered an insight into the best ways of dealing with Mr George. In this context it is also worth recalling the Governor's melodramatic lament after he was overruled on interest rates by Kenneth Clarke for the first time. "I sometimes wake up at night worrying about the country's future," he declared.

What is far more important, about Mr George than his personal manner, however, is his unshakeable devotion to the



Bank of England and the great anti-inflationary project on which he feels that the country and his institution have now embarked. Now that he has achieved his lifelong ambition of steering the Bank to independence, nothing would make him resign. Of course, Tony Blair may choose not to reappoint him at the end of his fiveyear contract in July next year. But until then, Steady Eddie will remain indomitable at the Bank. And the more Mr Brown tries to threaten or undermine him, the tougher he will be-come in his determination to do what he thinks is right. From this point of view, the whispering campaign against Mr George could turn out to be costly miscalculation for the Government and, more importantly, for the British economy. The Governor will not resign, but the moment he becomes convinced that he has no prospect of reappointment will also be the moment when the Government loses what little influence over British interest rates it may still have had. There is no grislier fate for a finance minister than to confront an aggrieved, hostile and (understandably) indignant Governor

with an historic mission to

establish the anti-inflationary

"credibility" of a newly independent central bank.

There could thus be a real economic significance to this new comic subplot of the Gordon and Eddie show. That significance is probably just the opposite of the inference the markets were drawing yesterday. The traders' knee-jerk response to the Brown-George fracas was to sell sterling and dump British bonds. On reflection, however, exactly the opposite behaviour might have been justified. Having made the Bank legally independent, Mr Brown has now compounded this error by forcing the Bank to prove its independence and has then created the classic policy nightmare of central bank independence: a state of distrust between the Treasury

he chances are now even higher than they were before that the Bank will raise interest rates at the earliest opportunity and will stick to a tough monetary policy regardless of what happens to sterling. Mr George's views on sterling could not be more hawkish. He is known to have told other Bank officials on Black Wedeventually bounce back to its old ERM parity of DM2.95. It is also said, though this is less certain, that he argued against joining the ERM because he believed that a central parity of DM2.95 was not high enough. Thus if sterling did fall substantially (which under the new circumstances is becoming rather hard to imagine), the resulting increase in interest rates could be much sharper than the market expects. In either case, the most likely upshot would be a further six to nine months during which sterling is seriously overvalued and interest rates keep rising, yet consumer demand keeps growing because of the lags in the impact of monetary policy and the perversely expansionary effects of a strong currency on consumer incomes through the terms of trade.

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And if a further rise in both interest rates and sterling were not bad enough. Mr Brown has set another economic boobytrap for anyone who is trying to run a business or find a job in Britain. He has decided to raise taxes - and to raise them in the way that is least likely to relieve the upward pressure on interest rates and could actually add to overvaluation of sterling in the short term.

ment released last Tuesday, the Chancellor made the bizarre decision to "consider" reducing the economic growth rates assumed by the Treasury in its calculations on the public sec-

tor borrowing requirement. The result of this reform will be to raise sharply the official projections for future public deficits. The Treasury assumed last November that gross domestic product would grow 3.5 per cent in the present financial year, followed by 3 per cent in 1998-99 and 2.5 per cent in the three years after that. But Mr Brown, in his wisdom, has apparently decided that a trend growth rate of 25 is "far too high". And as evidence of the respect in which he holds the official economists who produce such forecasts Mr Brown has given the National Audit

Office two weeks to produce a number more to his liking. The most immediate effect of this quixotic decision will be to give the Bank a further reason to raise interest rates. If the trend growth rate is reduced to 2 per cent or so, the present growth rate of more than 3 per cent will look even more anomalous and inflationary. And the previous Government's assumption that there is still some slack left in the economy and that unemployment should be allowed to fall further - will also be called into question. Both of these arguments will redouble the Bank's zeal to slow down the economy by raising interest rates.

o make matters worse. the reduction in growth expectations will have an horrendous effect on the outlook for deficits and taxes. The expected PSBR - which is set to disappear by the year 2000, even without any increase in taxes, according to the Treasury's present forecasts - will be raised to between 0.5 and 2.5 per cent of GDP (see charts), depending on whether the downgrade in growth expectations is imposed from 1998 or 1999. Even these inflated deficits would not, of course, be particularly alarming were it not for the only possible moti-vation that can be imputed to Mr Brown. Presumably Mr Brown wants to make the deficit prospects look worse than they are in order to justify a programme of steadily rising taxes - especially on companies and pensions funds. These would have little impact on consumer spending in the short run and would therefore do nothing to deter the Bank from raising interest rates. They would, however, make British government bonds even more attractive than they already are to investors, pushing the pound up still further, before hitting investment and output in 1998 and 1999, just when the Bank's monetary austerity was also starting to

But for Mr Brown all of these clouds on the economic horizon do at least have a silver lining. By his policies he will at least have the satisfaction of achieving the reduction in Britain's growth rate that he has now instructed the civil servants to

Child fashions leave retailers worse for wear

Jon Ashworth reports on tough state of the competitive children's wear market

that brings out the worst in everyone? Placid wives are transformed into raging monsters if deprived of the latest BabyGap dun-garees. Cash-stricken husbands start working weekends, and even such masters of retailing as Marks & Spencer seem unable to make any money out of it all. Yesterday's results from Storehouse, the Bhs-to-Mothercare group, made much of the difficulties. Keith Edelman, chief executive, said children's wear enjoyed a good run from 1990 to 1995, with parents spending consistently more each year. Spending held steady last year, but did not rise. Mr Edelman said he expected children's wear to pick up again in a couple of years: "You can't dip in and

out of markets just because

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they're having a bad year." This week's record profits from Marks & Spencer been even better had it not been for the tough state of the children's wear market. Sir Richard Greenbury. conceded this was a sector

Gap year: designer label where M&S with a loyal following had the lowest market share, just 11 to 12 retailers is the ready market per cent. While not doing badly, it had yet to match the

returns elsewhere, he said. The massive boom in branded sports/leisurewear and replica football strips has played a big role in making traditional children's wear the most depressed sector of the clothing market, according to research by Verdict, the retail consultant. Burgeoning brand consciousness among kids has diverted significant chunks of spending away from mainstream children's wear retailers and into the cash registers of chains such as JJB Sports and JD Sports.

The result is that the children's wear market grew just 0.3 per cent, to £3.2 found that E150 million was spent on replica football kits last year, with strips easily matching the boom in labels such as Nike and Adidas on sweatshirts and T-shirts. Gross profit margins are lower in children's wear than adultwear, and stockholding needs are greater because of the wider range of sizes that need to be carried. Profitability is lower, and it is more difficult for children's wear retailers to cover the occupancy costs of prime high street space. Hence retailers such as Next. Principles or Etam place their children's clothes

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in less accessible areas. Verdict sees deepening Sears, and static prospects for Mothercare. Next is seen as the exception, increasing market share by transposing adult designs into children's ranges, while Gap has rapidly built a loyal following. M&S, the UK's single largest children's wear retailer. could boost prospects by broadening its product range to include more fashionable merchandise.

Children's wear is a strong area of focus for food retailers, who are making their presfelt. Asda leads the field with its George brand, while Tesco's Items and the more recent Kids-Own at Safe-

gaining in Part of the problem for

in nearly-new clothes. A pair of hard-wearing dungarees costing £50 in a high street boutique can be had for a

Parents also complain about poor in-store layout. However, designer brands such as BabyGap and GapKids continue to lure the faithful with their designer cachet.

As a Gap spokesman says: "It is good quality, fun, basic, clothing, which has a certain aspirational feel for the parents." And GapKids changes its collection every six weeks, making it hard for the bigger retailers to

Children's wear will remain one of the most difficult markets for making money. As Verdict says: "A future of a falling birthrate, growing competition, and increasingly fashion-con-scious customers means companies will have to run faster to stand still."

Bruised fruit

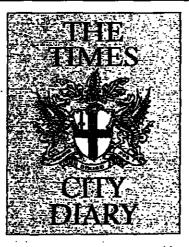
THE Bank of England is £3 million to the good after an unexpected windfall from the collapsed Slater, Walker. The profit is noted in the Bank's annual report. Younger readers may like to know that Slater, Walker became the Polly Peck of its day, under the tender guidance of Jim Slater. It was pushed under by the secondary banking crisis of the early 1970s and the collapse of the stock market, when the index fell 70 per cent — yes, it can indeed. The Bank was required to lend support in 1975 and bought the whole lot two years later. Slater is now an investment guru who writes about picking



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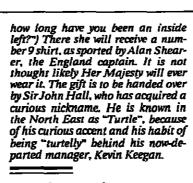
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her way again from Laura Ashley where she is director of merchandising, and may head back to the City. Sources say there is no truth in any suggestion that her relationship with Ann Iverson, the American who took home more than II million in pay last year, may have become strained.

Hoare Govett looks a good billet for her, the retail team being a bit light there after Richard Edwards upped and left for Salomon Brothers. There are said to be plans to expand the team further, to take in European retailers. Talking of strained relationships, her former colleague at Morgan Stanley, Nick Bubb, this week announced he was joining Société Générale from Mees Pierson.

I HEAR Julie Ramshaw, the former THE Queen will today visit recent-Morgan Stanley retail analyst, is on by quoted Newcastle United. ("And fully celebrating the downfall of fan



Hair today

ON THE day that we learned of the probable departure of Stephen Silverne, the House of Commons barber, I can reveal where the true tonsorial power lies under New Labour. MJM of Crawford Street, London, just north of Marble Arch. is where both Tony Blair and Lord Irvine of Lairg (formerly Derry Irvine) have their locks tended.

The PM is a long-time client of Maurice Miller, the salon's owner, although I understand the latter has tended to head along the trafficclogged Euston Road to Islington for appointments. Information the tabloids would have killed for during that ludicrous pre-election spat over whether Blair had changed his hairstyle - a story which originated, as I recall, in the Financial Times.

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Loss of power

Lang. one-time president of the board of trade and now without a Commons seat? Apparently the corks were popping in the Ed Wallis house-hold on election night. The forthright chairman of PowerGen was not acting out of any ideological fervour. Lang last April defied a Monopolies and Mergers Commission report and blocked the PowerGen takeover of Midlands Electricity along with another deal by rival National Power. It was seen at the time as a perverse decision, and Wallis is known to have taken it very personally. Not to put too fine a point on it, he moaned for months afterwards. Do not expect to see Lang popping up as a non-

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Helen Shapiro: cool again

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... but the quirky Fountains of Wayne gush catchy tunes and daft wordplay in abundance



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All praise to George Michael, savs Caitlin Moran, for proclaiming sane values

Take a mix of this and that

POP ALBUMS: Under its high gloss Gary Barlow's

solo debut is a dull affair, says David Sinclair

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WE KNOW he was the talented one in Take That. And yes, this debut solo album, which was scrapped and then completely re-recorded under the paternalistic eye of executive producer Clive Davis, is about as polished and watertight a vessel as has ever set sail on the placid waters of mainstream pop.

But there is something depressingly workaday about Gary Barlow. Like Elton John without the tantrums or Annie Lennox without the bug-eyed stare, he offers little to latch on to, and for all his obvious ability the absence of personality rubs off on his music.

The George Michael comparisons, although familiar by now, are still apt, and never more so than on the pop-soul sound of Barlow's current hit, Love Won't Wait (written by Madonna and Shep Pettibone) and his traditionalist revival of the Johnny Bristol stan-dard, Hang On In There Baby (scrupulously produced here by Trevor Horn).

Barlow's own songs, which make up the majority of Open Road, rend to be slow ballads with turgid lyrics such as Love, it has so many beautiful faces" and "You're the girl that I've needed for so long". Some of it is quite pleasant, and he tacks cautiously into a slightly stiffer breeze with the relatively soul-searching lyrics of Never Knew and the title track. But moments when the album genuinely comes alive

as when he tackles Lay Down For Love, an upbeat number co-written by the Spice Girls team of Richard

THE SEAHORSES Do It Yourself (Geffen GED-25134, £13.49) HAVING made a relatively dignified exit from the wreck-

Stannard and Matt Rowe -

are disappointingly few and

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age of the Stone Roses, guitar-

congratulated for getting his new group, the Seahorses, up and running with a minimum of fuss and delay. Unfortunately, there is not much else to congratulate him or anyone else about, so far as this drab debut album is concerned.

Despite the charm of the first single, Love Is The Law. there is an overwhelming sense of dėja vu about Do It Yourself, with songs such as Round The Universe and Standing On Your Head of-fering little more than a pick'n'mix compendium of the same old Beatles-influenced tunes, spliced to the sort of hackneyed blues-rock riffing that went out of fashion around the time that Bad Company were formed.

The rest of the band exude the sanguine competence of above average pub-rockers, but there is no fire in their performances or colour in the curiously washed-out vocals of Chris Helme. Crushed by the weight of other people's expectations and hindered by his own apparent lack of musical ambition. Squire has settled for an easy life, and who can blame him?



Glamour boy goes it alone: but for all Gary Barlow's obvious ability he offers little to latch on to, and the absence of personality rubs off on his music

FOUNTAINS OF WAYNE Fountains Of Wayne (Atlantic 7567-92725, £15.49) OFTEN bracketed with Eels

as one of those quirky new groups that are going to restore the tarnished image of post-grunge American rock, Fountains Of Wayne actually have no master plan other

than to write catchy tunes with memorable, storyboard lyrics. Combining a sense of harmony derived from the Beach ny derived from the Beach Boys with the rock i roll dynamics of Nirvana, they hit all the right buttons on Survival Car. a kind of surfing anthem adapted for the inner city (Riding on the path we made to Union Square"), and their wonderful hit single Radia-

tion Vibe. The group's songwriting team of Chris Collingwood and Adam Schlesinger have a penchant for daft wordplay on tracks that are by turns silly, sad and whimsical, but always modern and exuberantly observed. Fountains Of Wayne have tapped the elixir of 1990s vintage American pop with fizz to spare.

DAVID BYRNE

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(Luaka Bop/Warner Bros. 9362-46605, £13.99) AFTER the stark simplicity of his last, self-titled album, released in 1994, David Byrne has gone for something a bit more weird and wilful on Feelings. Even so, at 45, the former Talking Head still shows no signs of succumbing to middle aged spread. Now that everyone is mixing up pop with an exotic cocksal of Central and South

American influences, it is nice to be reminded, on Miss América, that it was Byrne who got there first. But else-

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where it is now Byrne who, rather like David Bowie, is jumping aboard bandwagons. Several of the tracks have been produced by British trip hop collective Morcheeba. who tend to swathe his voice in layers of compression and echo before bringing in such unlikely elements as sitar, dobro and violin to produce the hoe down from hell on *Daddy*

Go Down, for example.
With no lyric sheet, and many of the vocal performances buried at the bottom of the mix, it is hard to know what he is going on about on Finite-Alright and Burnt By The Sun. But unlike the instant fix of most modera pop, this is an album which may take some time fully to surrender its charms.

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The madness of genius

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ollowing last week's doom'n'gloom session — wherein I relayed the information that three-quarters of the music industry is either a cokey whore braying nonsense at itself nightly, or slumped in a dingy West London flat, managing vast quantities of daytime TV due to big bags of heroin — it is time for the good news.

There are sane pop stars! There are musicians who realise that expecting their muse to flourish in the arid, gritty soil of parties and drugs is plainly unleasible, and that stepping outside the music industry treadmill is a more viable

option for artistic longevity. Consider for instance, Julian Cope. His autobiography Head On details chasing various members of his band across the Welsh mountains with a shotgun; a "light-hearted" murder attempt on his keyboard-player with a fork; and excesses that would make a sane man, well, at-tempt to murder his keyboard player with a fork. However, a combination of marriage and divine revelation has led Cope to be one of the sanest, sortedest men ever to wear fluorescent cycling shorts. He now controls his own business, putting out mail-order albums and publishing his own books. He is also bemused by other artists who Not all pop stars are junkies. Some of the biggest are curiously sane

The Colour and the Shape . Travelling without Moving ...

"rock'n'roll" entails being a miserable, messed-up old misery-trousers. As a result, Copehasn't put out a duff album in

Michael Stipe is another wise head on spindly shoul-ders. Despite being one of the most famous artists in the world, he's managed to keep his private life just

that - no mean feat when half the world's press want to know if he's gay coding of his lyrics has allowed him to speak freely on a number of issues without ever getting the Moral Majority

on his back and, rarely for a pop star, he cherishes friendships and nurtures other artists. He was one of the few people who tried to help Kurt Cobain before his death, and after Cobain killed himself, Stipe became Courtney Love's comforter and Wailing Wall. Stipe also befriended Thom Yorke of Radiohead, at a time when three-quarters of the world (wrongly) believed The Bends was Yorke's suicide note. Stipe has been instru-mental in Yorke's new methodology in dealing with the press, showed him how to distance himself from his febrile music, and encouraged a

further encryption of Radiohead's lyrics. However, Yorke now stands alone as one of Pop's Sane Men. Radiohead's forthcom-

ing album, OK Computer, is bound to be the Album of the Year, and most of its astonishing vision is due to Yorke's prac-tical sensibilities. Remaining in Oxfordshire and openly contemptuous of the cattle-market

that the music in-CAITLIN dustry has turned into. Yorke has fed MORAN his muse records and books rather than drugs and gossip, and kept his principles where oth-

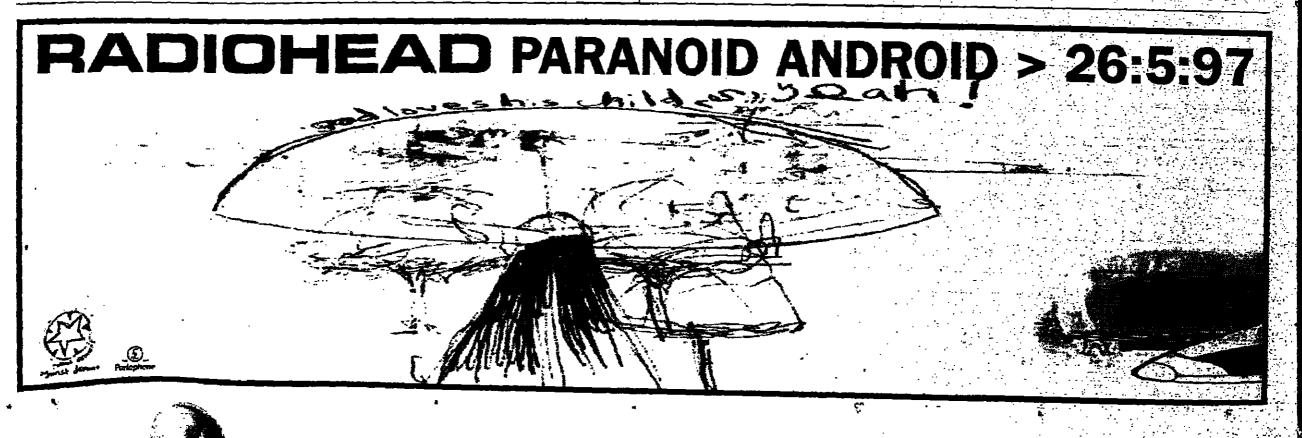
ers have sold them for a twopage spread in Loaded. George Michael's only interview in the last five years has been for The Big Issue but then, he doesn't really need to do interviews any more. After the Sony court-case, wherein he made the point that if an artist doesn't

make doesn't belong to him, then he is to all intents and purposes a slave - Michael now conducts his interviews through his lyrics.

The lyrics to Star People '97 echo Cope's irritable bemuse ment about pop stars who revel in being dysfunctional (Maybe your mama didn't love you enough/it's the same old same old"); and the mere fact that he lives in a modest slightly messy house that he cleans himself makes him immediately more sane than. say, John Lennon, who sat in an isolated mansion in Wilt-

shire for four years, and wondered why he went mad. And finally, Sinead O'Con-nor. Her most famous statement - "All the troubles in the world are down to child was howlingly dismissed as hysterical ranting at the time. But it's the truest thing any pop star has ever said. Babies aren't born evil their heads are empty, and it's only if they're filled with abuse be it mental, physical or sexual, that they become twisted adults. O'Connor also realised that being famous was driving her mad, and so sent herself to night-school to study, and concentrated on raising her children.

Do you want to know the maddest thing? Within the possess the freedom to make industry, all these pop stars the music that he chooses, and are considered slightly insane.



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■ POPS

Hail to the dark satanic mills: Richard Thompson yearns for manual tail on Industry



POP 6

Embrace continue their fast rise, making the McNamaras the most talked-about brothers in Britain THE



DANCE

Preparing for the big one: petite Altynai **Asylmuratova** leads Swan Lake to the Albert Hall



THEATRE

Surely that isn't Penelope Keith playing the harlot in Mrs Warren's Profession?

Nigel Williamson meets songwriter Richard Thompson

THE artwork for the cover of Richard Thompson's new album Industry arrives just as bum Industry arrives just as we are discussing his postalgia for Britain's lost mills foundries and shipyards. The cover depicts two huge machine cogs, while in the back ground a dandelion gors in seed signifies deray. It's foo bright, it was meant to be bright. It was meant to be grimler, complains the song-writer and one-line mainstay of Fairport Convention.

Thompson is big on grime. It clogs the pores of his new work an ambitious song cycle about the rise and decline of British manufacturing from the Industrial Revolution to the dismantling of heavy industry during the 1980s. These days Britain is cleaner and we are probably all better off, but it is a bit bland, he

says. I miss the dirt. Thompson, a quintes-sentially English writer who has always drawn deeply on tradition, now spends most of his time in California. But the man who invented English folk-rock has not turned away. from his own heritage. Indus-try tackles such subjects as child labour, factory lockouts. pit closures and long-term unemployment, almost like a musical version of E.P. Thompson's The Making of The English Working Class.

Musically, too, the sound is distinctively English. Brass bands, traces of Elgar and folk song are there, evoking not John Major's England of old maids bicycling to evensong but a nation built on working

It is hard to think of another contemporary songwriter with the maturity or the confidence to tackle such a vast theme. "We could have made seven albums, there is such a history to write about." says Richard Thompson. The we" refers to musical collaborator Danny Thompson (no relation), the former Pentangle double bassist whose own roots in Durham mining stock permeate the album.

We were looking for a project we both felt passionate about," says Richard Thomp-son. Then Mick Wadsworth. manager of Scarborough Football Club, sent us some cuttings about the closure of 18th-century mill worker who Grimethorpe colliery and the

Elegy for the working man

That led initially to Last Shift, a song burning with anger about a society that can consign an entire town to the scrapheap. The miners were fantastic people. Because the job is so dangerous they pulled together in a way that I don't suppose we shall see again. It's not the same if you are



Richard Thompson, muse of the heavy industries

making Toyota cars on an

From there it was an easy decision to sustain the industrial theme. "As well as the people I love the industrial landscape and the machinery. It is a shame to see that disappear and I wanted towrite about it."

While making the album Thompson went down a pit for the first time and also dug into libraries of working-class literature. His research produced Big Chimney, a songdriven by a piston-like rhythm, based on a worker's description of life in a steel mill while the account of an felt he was being taken over by

song Saboteur. "It is a powerful image," says Thompson.
"He takes his hammer and goes down to the engine room to smash it. But he can't do it because he is overcome by the

machine's beauty."
If those are the tales of working men, the poignant Drifting Through The Days deals with the crushing de-spair of unemployment. "I feel a fraud over that, because I've never been out of work for two years and felt suicidal about it," says Thompson. "But I wanted to empathise."

Snapshots these may be, but Thompson's lens is sharply focused and he completes the cycle with Lotteryland, an acid observation on the twice-weekly national obsession of postindustrial Britain. The song is, in effect, a requiem for the old working class. "It's not an entirely enthusiastic view of Blairdom," Thompson con-cedes, "Perhaps the decline of industry was inevitable for us to arrive in Euro middle-party land. But it is not very exciting. Winning the lottery is the

only hope for a lot of people." Industry is not easy listen-ing, but then there is nothing soft about its subject matter. What stops it from becoming mere polemic is the compasrunning through the songs. The sympathy of the songs is with working people and their communities, Thompson says. But the manner in which industry was destroyed makes me angry. Social change happens and you cannot stop it, but it

makes you angry to see politi-cians working insensitively." The Thompsons are per forming Industry on tour this week. Catch them now, for these are the only live outings the aibum is likely to enjoy. Already Richard is immersed in his next project, which delves even further back into English history. "I'm working with Phil Pickett and the New London Consort who specialise in early music, but we are adding a rhythm section. I call it heavy metal

● Industry is on Parlophone. Richard Thompson and Danny Thompson are at Blackheath Concert Hall (tonight, tomorrow). Nottingham Theatre Royal (Sun). Leeds Irish Centre (Mon); the machinery became the Newcastle Playhouse (Tues)

medieval."

Leader of the flock

DANCE:

Debra Craine meets the swan out to captivate an Albert Hall audience of 5,000

his will be a Swan Lake whose statistics are designed to im-press. A cast of 120 dancers, a wardrobe of 250 costumes, 150 pairs of tights, more than 4,000 beads and 5,000 metres of braid. With a budget of £1.8 million, it is surely the most expensive ballet ever staged in Britain. And the icing on the cake? Only the best Odette-Odile in

She is Altynai Asylmuratova, prima ballerina of the Kirov and the world's foremost swan, a dancer so divine she has been known to reduce even the most hardened critics to a blubbering gush of super-latives. Now Britain is welcoming her back as the star guest of English National Ballet's Swan Lake, which comes to the Albert Hall next week.

Derek Deane, ENB's artistic director, is staging Tchaikovsky's ballet in the round, with the unique performing space of the Albert Hall in mind. Seventy swans will circle the stage - more than twice as many as in conventional productions — and special effects will play to the arena's cavernous interior. In the midst of it all, on opening night, will be Asylmuratova.

The 36-year-old Russian has probably danced the dual role of Odette-Odile more than 300 times in her career. But never has she performed it in the round, and never in front of so huge an audience.

"I have never danced before 5.000 people before," she says. But I am not about to change my interpretation because of the space. If you've got something to give, it will be felt and seen, no matter how big the theatre. If you haven't, it won't make any difference. But," she adds, taking another drag on her cigarette, "I may have to give up smoking in order to be physically fit enough to get around the building."

Asylmuratova, who has danced Swan Lake with American Bailet Theatre in New York, with the Paris Opera and the Royal Ballet, has never forgotten the special place Odette-Odile inhabits in her repertoire. "I started with Swan Lake, it was my examination performance. My teacher said that if you can dance Swan Lake you are a ballerina, If not . . . ' At the Albert Hall.



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She loved dancing the Ashton

and MacMillan ballets -

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tionship with the Royal Ballet

Asylmuratova is dancing four performances - including the gala on June 3 in the presence of Diana, Princess of Wales with Roberto Bolle from La Scala in Milan as her Siegfried. The two had never met before rehearsals, but Asvlmuratova enjoys the challenge of an unfamiliar face. "I very much like anything new. It's always very interesting to start up a new relationship, to see

how it comes out on stage." London is also special to her. Her three-year-old daughter Anastasia was born here; and it is the home of Covent Garden. Asylmuratova appeared as a guest artist

at the Royal Opera House on a was lucky France which snapped her up - Asylmura-tova spends six months a year fairly regular basis in the early Nineties, a period she looks back on with real fondness.

with Roland Petit's company in Marseilles. "I look for work in the West, not just in England but in France, because I want to do something new. I love classical ballet; I love my theatre. But I cannot stay in the same place, did not develop. Instead, it always doing the same thing."

What she needs now, she says, is to have ballets made specially for her. Remarkably, no choreographer has ever taken advantage of Asylmuratova's extraordinary talents.

Despite her travels abroad in search of artistic adventures, home is still the Kirov where a top star like Asylmuratova earns only \$200 a month), and when the St Petersburg company returns to London in July. Asylmura-tova will be at the Coliseum dancing with her Russian colleagues.

She is profoundly commit-ted to her art form and devoted to the Maryinsky Theatre, home of the Kirov, even though she has frequently been outspoken in her criti-cism of the Kirov's outgoing artistic director, Oleg Vinogradov. But change is in the air at the Maryinsky, and these days Asylmuratova prefers to look to the future rather than dwell on the mistakes of the past. Still, she does worry about the way ballet is changing in her homeland. "The younger generation are all very tall, technical dancers. The Western craze for technical overstatement has hit Russia and ballerinas have jumped on that bandwagon somewhat belatedly."

oung dancers today. she says, don't have time to mature. "Before they were used to ripening slowly; now they tend to peak a bit too soon. It's much easier now to be a ballerina. I was in the corps de ballet for five years; I worked my way up slowly and I had to prove myself at every stage.

"Sure, young dancers today have better physiques, but what is a ballerina? It's not about having a great physique; it's not about gymnastics. It is about everything: intelligence, emotion, physicality, all these things go into making a ballerina."

In the post-Communist economic climate. Russian audiences have changed, too. "It's not the same public any more. The true ballet-lovers are usu ally not from the wealthy class; they cannot afford a ticket. And the people who can afford tickets aren't really interested in ballet; they just wish to be seen in the theatre. A lot of my fans have made special sacrifices and perhaps have even gone to the length of not eating for several days in order to afford a ticket. But they still always bring me

Swan Lake is at the Albert Hall (0171-589 8212) from Thursday to

Brothers hug the limelight

THE last time Embrace played at ULU, they were fourth on the bill to Kenickie, playing in front of 40 people. It was not a bad turn-out for the band's second London show, but it simply wasn't good enough for front man Danny McNamara. So he walked off stage after just four songs.

Five months later, it is a completely different story. The McNamaras — Richard plays guitar - are the most talked about new brothers in Britain and, this week, Embrace's Fireworks EP went straight into the Top 40.

Few rock n'roll bands would dare to open with a ballad, but Embrace kick off with the slowest, most aching song in their set, the country bruised

Embrace University of London Union, WC1

blues of Retread. They follow it with All You Good Good People, the huge, uplifting hymn that made them stand out from every other new band in years. As it fades out, Danny McNamara sheds his jacket like a dead skin and affords himself a rare public smile. "Number 34 in the charts this week," he tells the

He sounds triumphant, but he knows that Embrace won't be hanging around the lower reaches of the charts for long.

As if to signal further intent, they play Now You're Nobody, which sounds like a collision between Elvis Presley's Suspi-cious Minds and the Stone Roses - the kind of company Embrace have always intend-

ed to keep.
It is difficult to pinpoint what makes this band special until you realise that they never settle into any particular mood - combining psychede-lia with arms-aloft anthems and heartbreaking ballads, yet never having the audience's attention anything less than completely rapt. "I want to get people." Danny McNamara once said. Just get them." Tonight, he did that.

ANN SCANLON

Unlikely madam

SHAW rightly made a meal of the fact that his 1894 play was banned by the Lord Chamberlain and only publicly performed in England 30 years after it was written. One hundred and three years later. Alan Strachan's production (sponsored by Barclays Stage Partners) makes a strong case for why Shaw's potboiler should still shock the unsuspecting theatregoer. Unfortunately this is due almost entirely to the fact that the prostitute who thinks virtuously of her daughter's future while she is being manhandled for money is none other than Penelope Keith.

As a comic actress Keith has always been a class apart, and usually several feet above, her boorish male victims. As the soft-hearted opportunist Mrs Warren, she hovers above the hypocritical code of male society but she also provides one of the most improbable couplings of character and actress I've ever seen. To proposition Keith's brothel keeper would be like asking a revered maiden aunt for a quick tumble in the church vestry before Benediction. This fact is presumably not lost on Robert Hands's young Frank Gardner when he squeezes what can only be described as the most chaste of French kisses out of her in the Warrens' kitchen when he should be doting on her rigidly principled daughter. Vivie. Having sanded her accent down to something mawkish

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Warren plays the dowdy co-

THEATRE Mrs Warren's

Profession Richmond Theatre quette in front of her clapped-

out clients: and the doughty mother from the mean streets for the benefit of her daughter. But her performance is a pyrrhic triumph of charisma over credulity. The real punches are thrown by Carolyn Back-

house's breathtakingly severe Vivie. If her ignorance about her mother's profession provides the heavy-handed irony of the first half, it's her horrific rejection of her mother in the final act that puts some muchneeded steel into Strachan's blousy production. To this end Denis Lill's dastardly Sir George Crofts impressively paves the way, impaling insects on his walking stick while angling for Vivie's hand in marriage. For Lill's greying Crofts the moral snobbery that Vivie has refined in Cambridge is no more or less hypocritical than his own dirty laundry. Their face-off is the production's best moment.

The rest is dry as gin. Hands provides a little tonic as Vivie's frivolous and petulant boyfriend. But Strachan needs something stronger than tonic to lift his production out of the ordinary. Several sticks of dynamite perhaps.

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Why oh why? The questions are unanswered in Opera North's mysterious new Così fan tutte

OPERA: Rodney Milnes laments a 'mysteriously horrible evening' of Mozart monoponts, crokings, woodcurs and imographs by **Ken Kiff** a former

Beyond our ken

more enigmatic, and hence troubling, than Mozart's comedy, and it is certainly hard to imagine a production more comprehensivemysterious than Opera North's. The French conductor Claire Gibault is experienced and accomplished - she led an excellent Pelleas at Covent Garden some seasons back: the producer Tim Albery is equally experienced, and has done fine work in Leeds. Nothing, to be sure, was happening by chance at Wednesday's first night, and one sat wondering how and why they had come to the decisions

that had evidently been taken. The English Northern Philharmonia played nicely enough for Gibault, but as if held back on a leash. Why did she choose to iron out the natural shape of the phrases into four-square blocks and in un-Mozartian strict tempo, and so conspire to the purposeful suppression of the music's feeling and humour? A little more warmth crept into Act II: was she perhaps suggesting that the new pairings carried more emotional truth? If so. jettisoning Act I was too high a price to pay, and the idea was not consistently seen through - as if it ever could be. Consistency

plays little part in Cosi. Similarly, Albery purposefully suppressed most of the comedy in Act 1 - if Guglielmo's Non siate ritrosi isn't funny, then it is nothing — and so left Act II with nowhere to start out from and nowhere to go. The many daingers of playing the action in modern dress were not avoided: the slaggy colour-supp sisters and the attitudes they struck had no meeting point, a problem Così fan tutte Grand, Leeds

Thomas Martin version, with a few swear words thrown in to make it sound "modern").

Is Alfonso as a misogynist drunk interesting enough for Mozart and Da Ponte? Is not Despina as an embittered. humourless drab in the first act. and as Madcap Maisie in the second (with some unbelievably naff routines), carrying inconsistency a little too far? Why were the brother officers so greyly

conceived? The abstract sets by Matthew Howland and Robin Rawstorne performed no discernible service to anyone, and I cannot imagine how Tania Spooner's amateurish, hideously ugly costume designs were ever accepted: they seemed calculated to make the personable young cast look as dim and ungainly as possible. Why, why, why?

Poor soloists! Susannah Glanville, who sang Verdi's Luisa Miller memorably for ON last season and is to tackle his Giovanna d'Arco for them next. fielded bags of tone as Fiordiligi. and made more of Per pietà than of the coloratura in her Act I aria. Emma Selway's Dorabella blended nicely with her. Paul Nilon and William Dazeley, both lively stage-creatures, could not quite surmount the producer's determined spraying-down of the officers' characters, and Linda Kitchen (Despina) showed signs of desperation. Jonathan Best (Alfonso) swigged away. Lusty whooping from the production team's claque at the final curtain could not make this anything other than a mysteriously horrible evening.



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talented student at the Paris Conservatoire, it is certainly not without historical interest. For the non-historians in Symphony Hall the more rewarding experience was the first British performance of Franz Schreker's Scherzo for strings. More serenade than scherzo - it enjoys the same kind of easy-going lifestyle as Dvorák's Serenade in E or Wolf's Italian Serenade — it is an engagingly melodious score under any name. It wo was written early in the composer's career, though not quite as early in this case, but it is a valuable addition to the repertoire even so.

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playing in the third movement which prompted the question, why had one of the orchestra's own hornists not been invited to take the solo part in Mozart's Horn Concerto No 4? Michael Thompson's performance was ac-complished but not very stylish, not very interesting, and not outstandingly

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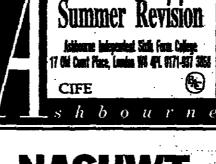
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Back to the nursery

Margaret Hodge explains why the Government will replace the Tories' voucher scheme

The new Labour Government yesterday took the first steps towards abolishing the failed nursery voucher scheme set up by the Toris. Two reports that landed on my lesk last month showed the needfor a new approach.

Boh came from Ofsted, the

schols inspectorate. One was good one was bad. Good news in education rarely makes the headlines but learning from good news is stal to the task of raising standards and developing

The first report, on the nontractional Margaret McMillan Nusery School in Islington, north Lordon, is glowing. This nursery wa created in 1990 by amalgamat-ing a council-run day nursery, a nusery school and a nursery for children with special needs.

For 48 weeks a year, from 8am to 14pm, it takes children aged tiveen six months and five years. There are 173 children on the school attending either full-time or ar-time, depending on the needs of the child and the family.

About a third are referred to the chiel by social services, more than third have been identified as havngispecial educational needs and nally have English as a second injuage. Childcare and education reintegrated in one setting; qualied teachers work alongside nurscynurses under the direction of a

From the babies to the four-yearcd, a child's time at the nursery is a individually tailored experience. c ligh-quality care and excellent

y-years education. The Ofsted report praises the ustanding leadership of the had and the high expectations of but staff and children. Four out of fre of the teaching sessions were juged to be "good" or "very good". Nest of the children — many from derived backgrounds and having aringe of disabilities — leave and go to their primary school, after meting or exceeding the desirable upomes established by the previ-



A toddler at a London school: Labour will introduce a nursery scheme based on pragmatism

The second report by Ofsted analysed the inspections so far carried out of nurseries and playgroups participating in the Tories' nursery voucher scheme. All the reports relate to private and voluntary settings in the four trial areas for vouchers: three London boroughs and Norfolk.

True, this is the first time such services have been subject to inspection and that in itself must be a good thing. At least we can start to essess educational standards throughout the diverse range of playgroups, private nurseries and local authority nurseries available for young children. This report

low standards have been allowed to access large amounts of public through the voucher

The nurseries were judged against six areas of learning relating to the Education Department's "desirable outcomes". The inspection reports show that even where weaknesses are identified in all six areas of learning, the nurseries are still deemed educationally acceptable and eligible for vouchers. So, for instance, Walpole Area Playgroup in Norfolk and Gorleston Community Association Playgroup in Great Yarmouth showed weaknesses in all six areas.

Overall, weaknesses were found in almost half the nurseries inspected. A staggering one in four had weakness in mathematics, and one in five had weaknesses in language and literacy. The early evidence suggests that the quality of nursery education offered to children under the voucher scheme is too low.

Yesterday the Government made its first announcements on nursery education. The Government will build on the examples of excellence in the private; public and voluntary sectors. It will replace the nursery voucher scheme and use the money wasted on the bureaucratic vouchers to provide a high quality nurseries offering unacceptably Ofsted-approved to take four-year- nursery place for all four-year-olds • The author is MP for Barking.

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and start to develop places for three-year-olds. I hope it will go further to build a comprehensive. integrated approach to children in their early years, bringing together childcare and nursery education.

This makes sense in today's world. Though some mothers stay at home, more and more are having to work, often part-time. They need greater flexibility than is offered by traditional nursery education. Equally, we know that 50 per cent of a child's intellectual development occurs before the age of five, which shows that investing in the early years is crucial.

o the Government needs to pursue a range of initiatives. In the manifesto, we said we would create early excellence centres in every region of the country, modelled on good practice such as that of the Margaret McMillan nursery. The centres will provide a practical demonstration for further development. bringing together in one place nursery education and childcare for children up to the age of five.

They will provide other services depending on local needs - from support to parents, to childcare information networks, to training for childminders, to healthcare facilities. They can be funded by redirecting resources, attracting new European finance available for this purpose and by money generated from income-related childcare

Bringing together childcare and education involves more than the early excellence centres. We need to improve the support and training for childrainders. We need to work in partnership with the private and voluntary sector to expand places and enhance quality. We need one statutory framework, consistent in all sectors for standards, registration and inspection.

But most importantly, we all know that parents are a child's first and enduring educators. That is why we need a series of measures to support parents - from reviewing the roles of health visitors and nurses, to parenting classes for teenagers and home-school

Labour's plans are both visionary and practical. Unlike the vouchers, they are based on pragmatic good sense. The legacy we have inherited is poor, and realising our plans will take time. But providing our young children with the best possible start is vital

A testing time for all parents

Teenagers plus exams equals one

big headache, says Judy Astley

nudy leave if there was ever an oxymoron, this is it. A nation of examination candidates has effectively packed up school, signed each other's uniforms and been sent home to revise for GCSEs.

What an opportunity for self-I can just imagine the party in the staff room. It is matched by the parties held by pupils who, if they know nothing else about maths, have long since worked out that Leave = Time Off.

I have a 16-year-old. I have seen another through A levels. I know that if History Paper One does not start until 2.30pm, there will be no need for the duvet to shift before lunchtime.

home and am envied for being onsite to gee up their efforts. This is more demanding than any paid job. Through bloody minded persistence, I can make sure that the bed is vacated at a respectable hour. But there follows

the longest time a teenager ever spent in the show-er, five morale-boosting phone calls to friends (which do not include the words "revision" or "work"), breakfast (at midday), a feverish hunt for missing biology notes (lent to Sam), frantic drive to said Sam's, break for Neighbours ("Mum, we've been told to take some time off") and so on.

Parents mamoned in distant workplaces have only the phone with which to nag and plead, I am told of a QC adjourning to the robing room, pacing the floor with a mobile and hissing: "Jemima, will you please just get up." Corporate AGMs in vast conference centres are interrupted by offspring demanding the whereabouts of the Marmite and asking whether they can borrow a couple of quid until Thursday. you phone mid-afternoon, they

will have gone to the town centre to "look something up in the library". It will take three hours, involve meeting half the class, and they will return with CDs and a heavy smell of eigarenes. When they have actually stayed in, "slaving" over maths papers. the fridge will be stripped. There will be 17 drinks cans lying around and an assortment of friends gathered in front of a computer running a violent cartoon battle. Come evening, a

diligent parent may try to pull the traditional "No you can't go out - it's only two



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the premises from which it will come home drunk and be sick on the stairs.

As the exams start, support from the whole family may be required. A wan face bent over a heap of text books is irresistible when it requests a cup of tea. "How many sugars?" you ask and it roars "WHAT?" because it can't hear above Skunk Anansie pounding through headphones.

Exams over, parents revert to their traditional function of providing food, shelter, transport and cash. Then, towards mid-August the nation's exam candidates, just like turtles responding to the moon's call to the beach. become sweet, thoughtful and loving. This is called insurance. otherwise known as Love Me. Love My Results.

Good luck to all candidates; my ncere sympathy to their families

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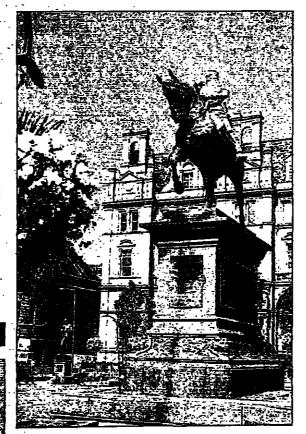
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Cambridge once again heads the The Times league table. John O'Leary, the Education Editor, assesses this year's results



The Light Blues lengthen their academic lead

shift Cambridge from the top of our university league table. A new round of assessment and changes in the indicators used to compile The Times ranking have caused down the table, but have only served to widen the Light Blues' lead over Oxford.

The two ancient universities remain close together: a gap of only 19 points out of 1,000 spread across eight aspects of campus life confirms that there are more similarities than differences between them. But Cambridge topped four of the individual rankings to Oxford's two. Most significantly. Cam-

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demics for the three funding councils. Although not yet complete, the assessments cover a sufficiently wide range of subjects to present a fair As the main activity in undergraduate education, this has been given the highest

weighting in this year's table. The two traditional rivals are inseparable in terms of entry requirements, but Cambridge topped the research category, which is the other indicator to be given a high weighting this year. Oxford won more top ratings in last December's research ratings, but was overhauled because Cambridge entered more of its academics for assessment. Only Surrey and Imperial College London managed to

hold. Surrey confirmed a longstanding reputation as an employers' favourite by topping the table for graduate destinations, while Imperial again registered the best staff-

At the head of the table. Warwick and Durham both move up three places. But Glasgow Caledonian's climb of 28 positions is the most spectacular this year, followed closely by Keele's 25-place rise. Both have registered much higher scores for staffing and library spending.
As last year, Oxford Brookes

was the highest-placed new university, in 56th place. However, still none of the former polytechnics can match the traditional universities, where the standard of many facilities reflect the preferential funding they enjoyed before the higher education system was unified in 1992. Lincolnshire and Humberside remain at the foot of the table, partly because some of the data in the table reflects the university's transition to a split-site institution. The most up-to-date informa-tion possible has been used. but the guide's production schedule meant that some recently published statistics

could not be included. The indicators used to compile the overall ranking of universities have been com-pletely reviewed since last year, in consultation with a number of academics and university administrators. Overseas students have been dropped as a category in the table because it was felt that their numbers had become as much a measure of recruitment activity and location as of international reputation.

The value-added measure has been suspended because

Like student completion rates. which had to be dropped last year because of inadequate data, it is hoped to restore the indicator in 1998.

One unavoidable consequence of the extra emphasis on funding council assessments has been to exclude **Buckingham University from** the exercise. Buckingham is well regarded academically and compares favourably with others for graduate employ-

> 'Nothing seems to shift Cambridge from the top'

ment, accommodation, staffing levels and library spend-ing. As a private university. however. Buckingham's departments are not assessed and it is impossible to produce

As in previous years, other famous names, such as Cranfield University and the London Business School, are also absent from the ranking because they are wholly or predominantly postgraduate institutions. The Open University is omitted because it restricts itself to distance education.

In order to keep it to a manageable size, the guide also omits the many colleges which run degree courses. The Dearing report, which is due out in July, will look again at the status of university colregistered notable successes in the official assessments of teaching quality. For the moment, however, our rankings are confined to institutions with full university status.

Like the rest of the material published in this week's university guide, the table will remain available in the Internet edition of The Times (web address: http://www.thetimes.co.uk). A special Information Times section, which also includes links to last year's tables, will provide easy access to the data.

Fuller information and advice on applications is contained in the paperback book, The Times Good University Guide, published by Harper-Collins. Some scores have been updated since the book went to press, and subsequent editions will contain the rankings published here.

The table is intended as a starting point for students considering higher education, giving a broad indication of a university's standing. How-ever, such an exercise cannot give a definitive picture of an institution, and the component parts should provide scope for

more detailed investigation. In spite of the economies forced on universities in recent years, British higher education is held in high esteem internationally, with some institutions recognised as world

A report this week by the Institute for Fiscal Studies found no slackening in the financial benefits of education. Men with a degree earned 15 per cent more than others of similar intelligence and family background, while female graduates earned 35 per cent more than their lessqualified counterparts.

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THE OVERALL ranking of universities is compiled entirely from published statistics. Placings are determined by a "poll of polls", in which the results from the eight indicators are converted into a

points score and aggregated. Data was supplied by the Higher Education Statistics Agency on staffing levels, accommodation, degree classifications and graduate employment. These figures relate to 1994-95. the most up-to-date statistics available when the deadline passed for the compilation of The Times Good

University Guide. The other sources of information are the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (for entry grades), the Standing Conference of National and University Libraries (for library spending), and the three higher education funding councils

How rankings are decided for the teaching and research assess-

ment. None of the organisations was involved in aggregating or manipulating the data, and are not responsible for any inferences or conclusions drawn from the statistics.

The ranking was compiled by Dr Bernard Kingston, Dr Andrew Hindmarsh and Professor Bob Loynes, university experts in careers, admissions and statistics. The top university in each element of the table is awarded 100 points, with the remainder receiving a proportion based on their unadjusted score. Scores for teaching and research

have been weighted to reflect their importance in undergraduate educa-

tion. The teaching scores above are multiplied by 25 and those for research by 1.5.

The teaching scores represent an average of the grades awarded by funding council assessors. The separate councils for Scotland, Wales and England (which also covers the two universities in Northern Inland) now all use different grading systems. For the purpose of this exercise. English departments awarded 22 points or more were regarded as "excellent", while 20 points beca Scotland's oints became the equivalent of "highly satisfactory"

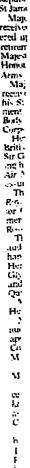
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resent an average of the grades awarded in the 1996 Research Assessment Exercise. In order to give a complete picture of departments, the ranking is based on the average grade for all staff, not just those

The entry grades used are the median requirement in a range of mainstream subjects published in the Ucas guide for entry in 1997. Staff student ratios are based on all academic staff and full-time equivalent student numbers for courses other than those franchised to other institutions. Library spending is also For the first time, the indicator for

firsts and upper-seconds. The inte tion is to iron out differences awarding policies between unives ties. The basis of calculation of graduate employment has as changed this year because the pro portion of unknown destination was not released. The ranking is based on the proportion of hand students taking up employment or going on to further study. The figure for accommodaton

represents the proportion of students in residential accommodation mintained by the university concerned. The HESA acknowledged that its first year of data contained a number of anomalies, and this appled particularly to accommodator. Some changes were agreed with universities after the paperbacking sion of the guide went to press





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Details of subject grading

TWO errors appeared in the 23 subject rankings published on Tuesday and Wednesday: Reading University was omitted from the Italian table and

Essex from law. Reading's Italian department, which was graded 5 for research and scored 20 for teaching, should have appeared in equal seventh place in the subject table. Essex should have ap-

peared in place of Sussex University in fifteenth place for law, having achieved a Grade 5 for research and been rated excellent for teaching.

Twelve of the subject

tables were based on grades awarded by the English. Scottish and Welsh funding councils. Only results from Eng-

land were available for anthropology; chemical engineering and linguis-tics. In geology, just the English and Scottish assessments were complete. Assessments in Scotin a number of subjects so Scottish universities were not included in the tables for French, Ger-man, English, Iberian Studies, Italian, Russian

and Social Policy. Eight computing departments were named as excellent for teaching. These are five more: Southampton, Exeter,

In on the ground floor

David Charter on

the reasons for the

popularity of a politics course

The chance to spend four months working with an American congressman and a further four months with an MP have helped to make a politics course at Leeds University one of the most oversubscribed in Britain.

More than 300 people applied for nine places on the politics and parliamentary studies course, a ratio far above the national average of 5.5 applications for politics course places.

The four-year course includes a placement with an MP's office at Westminster and a similar position in Washington, DC, attached to the Catholic University of America, or the Canadian Parliament, with Carleton University in Ottawa. Students have landed placements with a range of leading politicians, from Tony Blair, MP, to Sir Edward Heath, MP.

Chris Leslie, MP, who graduated three years ago, became the course's first alumni MP, and Parliament's youngest, when he won Shipley for Labour. Other graduates end up on the fast track in the media, local government and political consultancies. Mr Leslie's placement in Westminster was with Gordon Brown, MP, now the Chancellor of the Exchequer. "I did a lot of paper-pushing as well as more indepth research for him," he says. "It was hard work, but so worthwhile. It shows you how the system works. I am 24, but I am not a novice because I

know how Parliament works." Ed Gouge, the course tutor, tasted politics as a councillor on the former Greater London Council and studied for his Masters in European politics at the London School of Economics,







Sir Edward Heath, left, and Clare Short, right, have hosted students. Chris Leslie MP, centre, is a graduate

before joining the politics department at Leeds.

The popularity of the course and high calibre of applicants makes selecting the lucky nine an ordeal. 'After going through all the applications seven or eight times, we interview about 20 for the nine places," Mr

The first hurdle is A-level grades applicants must be predicted at least three Bs. Last year 80 candidates were forecast three As. Secondly, Mr Gouge wants personality. Introverts would find it tough organising their own placement in the Canadian Parlia-ment. The third factor is whether they have been involved in organisations such as a political party or something like Greenpeace or local voluntary groups," he says. "We are now getting quite a few people who have already done a period of work shadowing an MP. They also have to demonstrate a day-to-day interest in politics. Finally,

we like to get a balance of men and women and people nationwide." The limited number of places will

takes its first five students to study Russian politics. The opportunities are amazing, a fact not lost on current fourth-year

increase in October when the course

students. Hannah Morgan, 21, with

POPULAR SUBJECTS

Table shows the ratio of applica to acceptances in 1996 for the most oversubscribed subjects

Subject	Ratio
Junior school education	, 15.4:1
Journalism	14.5:1
Pre-clinical dentistry	14.5:1
Cinematics	12.3:1
Veterinary science	12.9:1
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Nurser/Intant education	11.0:1
Fine arts	10.7:1
Nursing	10.3:1
Phermacy	10.3:1
All-subject average	

two As and a C at A level, spent four months in Washington, DC, with a congresswoman and has just finished a placement with Clare Short, MP.

"I did some work for the local Labour Party, but I think I got a place on the course just because of my enthusiasm for politics," she says, "With Clare Short, I was doing everything from answering the phone to constituency casework with her policy researcher. It helps you to learn how the system works and gives you so much experience before you graduate."

Jay Dossetter, 21, spent his third year in Ottawa and then in the office of Sir Edward Heath. I don't know why they chose me for the course. I am probably more right-wing in my politics than the others and was the only one who wanted to work with a Tory, although they did not expressly say that was a factor. I was not involved directly in politics before and all I had done was edit the school magazine."

St Andrews turns the tables on Edinburgh

CHANGING PLACES

CONSISTENT all-round performances from the leading universities in the English provinces (excluding London and Oxbridge). in Scotland and among the former polytechnics give the tables a familiar look this year.

However, while many of the institutions in the respective top tens remain the same, there are some notable changes. In Scotland, the ascendancy of St Andrews continues. Britain's third most ancient university has pipped Edinburgh

for top spot. St Andrews owes its pos ition to the best score for student accommodation. as well as a strong perfor-

mance in teaching. Edinburgh performed better for research, with 47 per cent of work graded 5 or

better compared with 29 per cent at St Andrews. Glasgow Caledonian rises from 95th in the main table to 67th — the highest rise overall — because of

improved scores for accom-

modation, library spending and staff/student ratios. Warwick reasserts its place at the top of the provincial table ahead of York, which held top spot last year. York has the highest provincial rating for teaching and Warwick

the highest for research. Warwick entered 98 per cent of all academic staff for the Research Assessment Exercise and half of its research activity was judged to be grade 5 or 5*. Lancaster's good show-

ing for research, with 44 per cent of work graded a 5 or 5*, helped it from tenth to fifth place in the provincial table. Sheffield enters the provincial top ten, helped by its strong record for

Oxford Brookes confirms its place as the top new

university, helped by the joint highest marks among former polytechnics for research and the second highest for teaching. Oxford Brookes entered almost half of its academic staff for research assessment, a feat bettered only by De Montfort, and two-thirds of those

gained a grade 3 or better. Kingston falls from sec-ond to twelfth place among the new universities and is replaced in second place by Northumbria, which recorded the second best score for staff/student ratios and fourth best for teaching. The University of the West of England rose from tenth last time to fifth, thanks to the best performance in teaching of any new university.

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THE TOP TENS

NEW UNIVERSITIES

Oxford Brookes (1) Northumbna (6) Robert Gordon (6) Shettield Hallam (4) West of England (10) Portsmouth (8) Hertfordshire (10)

Plymouth (8)
Nottingham Trent (10)
=Brighton (10), Coventry (3)

ENGLISH PROVINCIALS Warwick (2)

Warwick (2)
York (1)
Durham (5)
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Lancaster (10)
Notingham (2)
Bath (5)
Sheffield (11)
Manchester (5)
Birmingham (10)

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES St Andrews (1)

Edinburgh (1) Glasgow (3) Aberdeen (6)

undergraduate, postgraduate (0191)UNIVERSITY of NORTHUMBRIA at NEWCASTLE

When access is an issue

The best university in the world is no help to the student who cannot make use of its facilities. That is why the universities of Bath. Bristol and the West of England are establishing a £254,000 Regional Access Centre for disabled people this

The main centre will be based at the West of England's main campus, in Bristol. This will also co-ordinate services for wheelchair-bound and visually impaired students studying at any of the three partner universities: A satellite centre at Bristol University will co-ordinate services for the deaf, while Bath will concentrate on meeting the needs of dyslexic students.

Leila Edwards, Bath's dean of students, says: Though we have no conclusive figures to illustrate the extent of dyslexia

HELP FOR DISABLED STUDENTS

at this university, we believe that about 70 students are affected each year. Part of the centre's task will be to make academic staff more aware of dyslexia. If tutors find that they have students with high IQs who are under-performing in reading, spelling or short-term memory skills.

they can refer them to the Another of the access centre's objectives is to establish joint research into disability needs throughout all three universities. But the expertise available at the centre will not be limited to the three universities' staff and students.

Sandie Cusack, the West of England's project co-ordinator, says: "We also intend to offer our services to disabled

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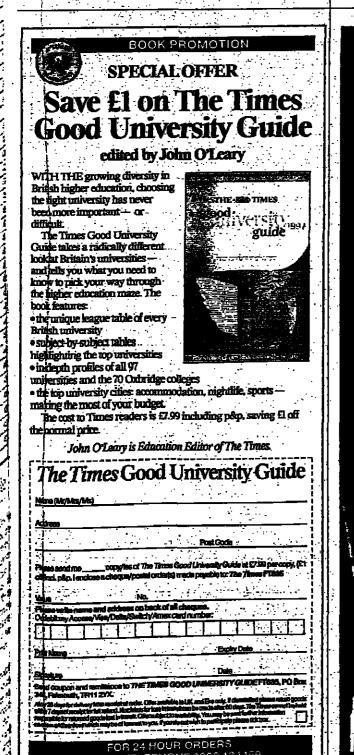


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ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS

Body with strength in numbers

Robert Bruce on how a group

grew to boast 25,000 members

accounting profession. It provides both an examination system and professional backup for anyone who wants to make a career in the second tier of accountancy work from bookkeeper to financial manager, its 25,000 members work everywhere from large accounting firms to small

The success of the AAT can be measured in its member and student numbers. When it was formed in 1980, as a result

two existing second-tier bod-counting Technicians (AAT) is one of the great (AAT) and 5,000 members. Now it has more than 61,000 students and recently gained its 25,000th member.

But its greatest achievement lies in providing people with an opportunity they otherwise would not have. In 1980 the two main professional bodies that trained accounting technicians got together and showed how far-sighted the accounting profession can be. The late Eric Sayers, president of the English Institute of Chartered Accountants, and Edmund Gibbs, one of the greatest of the presidents of the Certified



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Hannah Tonge, right, teaches accounts to Abu Aisha. Ms Tonge's work at the Manchester Deaf Centre earned her this year's AAT Past President's Award

Accountants, set up the AAT in the recognition that it made no different qualifications for accounting staff. They recognised people wanting to gain a qualification at the accounting support staff level would be helped immeasurably if there was one universally recog-nised qualification. They believed such a structure would help to build a strong profes-

sional body which would establish post-qualification

It also provided a qualification route and a strong professional body for accounting support staff around the world. It has added to this in recent years by allying its qualifications to the National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) scheme and with devel-

oping the idea of a Modern Apprenticeship in Accounting. Since the beginning of this year, appropriately qualified self-employed fellow members of the AAT have been approved to act as "reporting accountants" under the De-partment of Trade and Industry's crusade to free small companies from the burden of a full audit.

There is still much growth ahead. The AAT has to create more ways in which students can train, either on their own or within the organisations for which they work. And there are, as John Newman, the AAT's president, says, many more people who would benefit from what the association has to offer.

"I believe that there are many more opportunities for accounting technicians in the workplace," he says. The advent of a Modern Apprentice-ship in Accounting will mean the AAT can provide the NVQs and accreditation to lead towards that goal.

Equally, the AAT is looking

at specialist training needs. As the Treasury pilots the scheme to turn the British Civil Service from relatively primitive cash accounting methods to the same sort of accrual account-ing principles the rest of the world has been using for generations, it must ensure that such a change goes through as smoothly as

A lso, the AAT is helping to train middle managers in budgeting and certificate with the Treasury for such training. According to Jane Scott Paul, the AAT's secretary: "Many other govemment departments are now interested in developing similar schemes.

Such initiatives also exist in other broader areas of the profession. "There is," says Miss Scott Paul, "an opportunity for specialised training."
One challenge the AAT

faces is the recent announce ment by one of its founder bodies, the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, that it would set up its own competing qualification. Its announcement surprised the profession, but the view is that the AAT has the strength to prevail in any future competition for members.

I am confident that we will overcome," says John Newman in his president's report

From truncheons to spreadsheets

Crime statistics were no substitute for Anne

Gascoigne's love of accounting, says Rodney Hobson

ANNE GASCOIGNE could not make up her mind whether she wanted to be a policewoman or an accountant. Short of joining the fraud squad, it was difficult to combine the two and, for a time, the police won.

"It could have gone either way, but I joined the police cadets at the age of 16," she says. "It seems more attractive, more exciting, when you are young."

Now Mrs Gascoigne, who has two sons aged nine and five, looks after the accounts for a primary school in Grantham, Lincolnshire. After taking a three-year course at Grantham College, she became the 25,000th member of the Association

of Accounting Technicians.

Mrs Gascoigne comes

from Gainsborough, northwest Lincolnshire. With eight GCEs, she could have continued her studies in stead of joining the police. However, she made the grade as a cadet and after two years she became a fully fiedged policewoman, serving at Skegness and then Boston, where she met herhusband Nigel, also a

After spending seven years in the police force, Mrs Gascoigne had her first son and took her first step into the business world. "I ran my own business with a knitting machine, designing and making clothes," she says. "It was a very smallscale cottage industry but it

The clothes venture came to an end when Mr Gascoigne was posted to Grantham, but when their second child was six months old, a new opportunity arose "A friend asked me to



Anne Gascoigne recalls her days in the police force

evening at the college," she says. "I went along and signed up for a three-year the option of just doing the first year, so I thought I would play it by ear. My younger son was a year old."

THE first year comprised a one day release course from 9am-8.30pm. "Although the college had good crèche facilities, I did not want to put my son in to start with as husband worked shifts, he was able to look after him most of the time, and my husband's parents helped us." The course was intend-

working and in the third year Mrs Gascoigne found a part-time job that provided an opportunity to put what needed to be in a work environment," she says. "It was only a very small com-pany but it made the course

a lot easier. Mrs Gascoigne is now school secretary at Gonerby Hill Primary School, Granledge of accounts. Much as may take up her accountancy studies again. "Accountancy is in my blood. I am itching to do more, but I will have to wait until my youned for people who were ger son is older."

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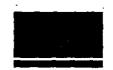
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Eighties when the chartered bodies decided to set up the Association of Accounting Technicians, claims John Newman, who completes his year of office as

president of the AAT today. Rodney Hobson writes. The chartered bodies merged their competing accounting technicians qualifications because the numbers taking each examination at that time were uneconomic. About ten years ago a personal computer on every desk was a futurologist's dream, but now it is commonplace," Mr Newman says, This is just one example of how the framework of business is changing. The role of the accountant and the accounting technician has also changed. There are no ledgers any more, no punchcard systems. Even the smallest business is effectively

computerised. There has also been a change in the nature of business and commerce. There has been a wholesale shift to quality service that has affected the nature and type of accountant and accounting

There is a greater degree of sophistication. The roles and the divisions between jobs

seen dramatic changes in recent

"Reading a bal-

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Mr Newman says there is a

wide mix of entrants to the

AAT. Some go straight from

school to take up modern

apprenticeships and pursue their NVQ qualifications

through further education col-

leges. Many are graduates

whose degree may not be in

accounting. They want to oc-

cupy a senior position and are

seeking relevant qualifica-

He argues that the AAT

approach is more successful

than taking graduates with

thrown out of the window."

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years thanks to tax and computers

have altered. The old clerk entering figures has disappeared. The ability to run accounting systems is needed in small and medi-

um enterprises." Mr Newman, a ant, was previously a tax expert with Cooper Brothers. (now Coopers &

John Newman: sophistication Lybrand), and is now with Smith and Williamson. He was nominated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales to the 'AAT council and, with a foot in

He sees the AAT qualifications as more "student friendthan the chartered accountancy examinations. We do not set a classical exam. The idea that there is a constant source of knowledge that is the same now as it always was may be true of ancient Greek, but not of accounting. There has been a big change with the impact of

both camps, can take an

"With graduates there is a high wastage rate. Some just can't take it. A degree is a test of how much knowledge you have gained rather than how you perform in the workplace," he says.

"We test people on their competence to do the job. Our members have experience within an accounting context and if they go on to take chartered accountant's exams they do better at passing than Oxbridge graduates. About a third of our members go into a chartered body."

Mr Newman believes that vocational training can only increase in importance. He says: "We must take the skills we have developed in NVQs in accounting and apply these to related areas so that we become a major influence in the financial sector.

Liaison with employers is crucial to maintaining the relevance of our role. The presidential meetings I have held this year have been an excellent way of finding out what employers want and explaining how the AAT can help. We have been successful in gaining the support of several major employers, but relevant degrees and setting

This is one of the fastestgrowing areas of all accountancy courses in terms of numbers enrolling," says Dean Cassar, director of AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians) studies at Accountancy Tuition Centre, a leading finance training com-

TRAINING courses for accounting technicians are a rapidly growing industry.

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pany. Its students include accountants who are training to qualify as certified accountants "We run all styles of courses nationally and internationally and a lot of them, such as AAT

and NVQ courses, are not geared to formal examinations. They are industry-based. What we are seeing now in the accountancy prolession is a need to train people to carry out functions in the workplace rather than just the theoretical part of accountancy. They need to be able to prepare an invoice or a cashbook. These are practical skilis for people who will not get to be finance directors, but who will be good accountants, solid and well-trained."

The AAT offers four options to suit companies of different sizes. If sufficient numbers of trainees are involved, employers can form a partnership with a local college or training centre. The college provides the tuition and the workplace provides on-the-job training. The organisation's account ing systems can be used in the

The AAT suggests that the best option for an organisation where only one or two members of staff need training is to send them on a day-

release or evening course. An alternative is to join forces with other offices in the same company or with a group of similar organisations. Costs can be shared and the employers can mainassessment of staff. Where



The Ministry of Defence has introduced AAT training in Hampshire. From left, students Beryl Vickers, Jonathan Davies, manager Barry Miller and Lt-Col Ron Rosenhead

Students who add up to a growth industry

Rodney Hobson looks at a practical accounting course

larger numbers of staff are involved an organisation can become an approved assessment centre, giving staff full training while at work.

Trinity House Lighthouse Service, which is responsible for the lighthouses along the coasts of England, Wales and the Channel Islands, was one of the first AAT-approved assessment centres. Gerry Callen, financial controller, says: "The need for in-house training became apparent

when several staff expressed a desire to qualify professionally as accounting technicians. We were delighted by their enthusiasm, but could not let nearly a quarter of the staff attend college on day-re-lease." Trinity House now has 12 members of staff training

on the AAT scheme. Mr Cassar says those trainees who have the full backing of their company attend on day release. Those who take evening or week-

financial backing, but are not allowed time off to study. A few finance themselves and study in their own time.

"Employers are becoming more enlightened, but not as quickly as I would have liked," he says, "Employers are still coming to us saying that they want to help their staff to train, but they do not understand what is involved or how NVQs work. There is still a long way to go."

Team spirit is par for the course

Coopers & Lybrand is delighted with the performance of its AAT recruits

🕇 copers and Lybrand, as one of the "big six" firms of accountants in the country, employing nearly 10,000 people, has traditionalbeen a major employer of chartered accountants, writes Rodney Hobson.

However, in September 1994, non-qualified recruits: were taken on for the first time. and were offered training op- cians performed extremely

portunities' to undertake the AAT training scheme. This initiative, taken by the Midlands region, led to the recruitment of qualified

accounting technicians in -Sarah Decent, the human resources manager for the Midlands region at Coopers, says: "We found the techni-

qualification provides a solid accountancy foun-dation with the core skills we require. The accounting technicians perfectly complement our chartered accountancy staff and are a valuable support both internally and at our

client sites." Coopers has so far taken on 13 qualified technicians. The first intake joined last September and a second batch joined will be joining next month. and Coopers intends to take on

seven trainees in September.

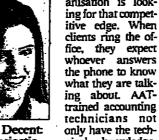
The Midlands initiative has been so successful that it is being adopted nationwide. Keith Anderson, a partner at Coopers, told a presentation for employers in Nottingham: "In today's market, every org-

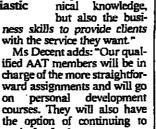


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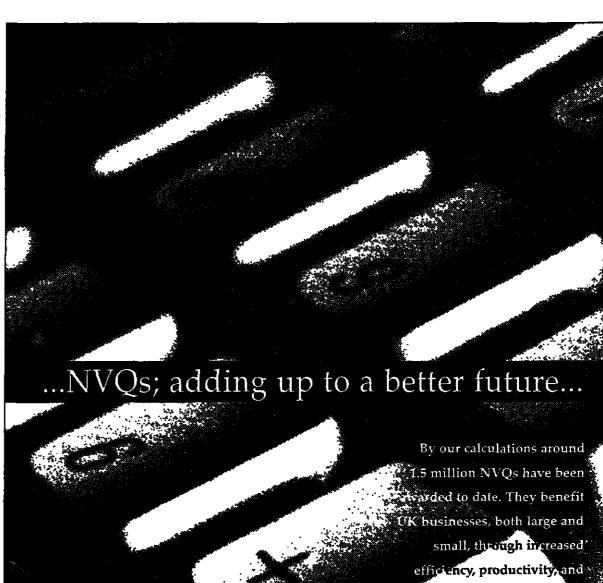
with the service they want." Ms Decent adds: "Our qualified AAT members will be in charge of the more straightforcourses. They will also have the option of continuing to study for further accountancy qualifications.

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CRICKET

Ward tips balance in Kent's favour

By JACK BAILEY

HORSHAM (second day of four): Kent. with six secondinnings wicket in hand, lead Sussex by 135 runs

IT HAS been like a ride on the Big Dipper at Horsham these past two days. First up, then down, as fortunes fluctuated: first Kent, then Sussex, gained

the ascendancy. It would be a hrave man. therefore, who forecast the result of this gently-paced but gripping game, although you could just say in view of Trevor Ward's second big score of the match, that Kent held a slender advantage at

the close last night.

However, it should be remembered that, despite Ben Phillips's return of five for 47 and some fine bowling by Paul Strang, and despite having been nearly 100 behind with only two first-innings wickets remaining. Sussex still snatched a slender lead thanks to the contributions with the bat of Paul Jarvis and Mark Newell.

When the Sussex first innings resumed at 102 for four. the chances that they would gain any sort of first-innings lead were pretty remote. When the elder Newell was caught behind with only 22 added, the odds against were stacked even higher. Then, when Phillips, 6fr 6in and raring to go. came on for his first bowl of the day and removed Amer Khan and Vasbart Drakes with his first and third balls. nobody was betting against

Kent. Both Phillips's wickets were caught in the covers and both were the result of steep lift generated by the bowler being countered by unworthy attempts to deal with it.

Here, then, was Phillips with a new career-best haul and a spell that produced appreciative murmours from all sides, while Strang continued to bowl beautifully - and there were Sussex pegged back even further when Moores, aiming to cut Strang. became yet another Sussex player to depart caught in the

At this stage, Sussex were still 91 runs adrift and only two wickets remained. Fate

took a hand: Llong, normally the safest of catchers, spilled a snick from Jarvis at second slip when the fast bowler had

made a single. It was some time before the full impact of this mishap dawned. Jarvis played correct-ly and with skill and his narmer, the younger Newell brother, having previously achieved two noughts in the first-class game, showed all the hallmarks of a cricketer who has received a thorough grounding while on the MČC staff at Lord's.

By the time that Phillips returned to wind up the innings, by having Newell taken in the slips by a readjusted Llong, lunch had come and gone, the ninth-wicket pair had put on 92, both had reached half-centuries - Jarvis from 91 balls, Newell from 119 - and even Mark Robinson had hung around for half an hour while a lead of 19 was achieved.

Having so nearly broken Sussex, the Kent bowlers had good reason to feel ill-used. Jarvis had been especially severe on Strang and the Zimbabwean's hitherto excellent figures were badly dented.

Despite the intense competition for a place in the Kent team, Phillips is one from whom a great deal more should be heard. He is accurate, he hits the deck and he is, apparently, tireless.

The Kent innings has so far followed a similar roller-coaster pattern. Once again, the Sussex bowling held no ter-rors for Ward, while others came and went. He figured large in a partnership of 64 with Fulton and went to his second fifty of this match from 88 balls, including eight untroubled fours.

Yet Walker had been leg-before in the third over of the innings, neither back nor forward to Jarvis, and Wells and Llong were shot out by the erratic Drakes in the three balls, the last of these a horrid yorker that beat Llong all ends up.

However, Ward found a second useful partner in Graham Cowdrey, who was content to play second fiddle while helping Kent to avoid further disaster before the close.



Strang, the Kent leg spinner, fails to field a drive from Jarvis off his own bowling. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Depleted Surrey made to struggle

Surrey.

international fixtures. The first is Shane,

the other Warne. Even against the

callow, though promising, left-arm spin of Dean Cosker in Cardiff, Smith's

batting carried that tortured look.

Against the rest of the attack, though, he

His only moment of anxiety came on

seven, when he survived a confident leg-

before appeal from Steve Watkin, but he

will resume today unbeaten on 81 from 94

balls, the highest championship score by

He has so far added 132 from 34 overs

for the third wicket with Kevan James,

a Hampshire batsman this season.

rung his bat ferociously.

LEICESTER (second day of four. Leicestershire won toss): Surrey have scored 235 for eight wickets

IT WAS bad enough for Surrey to have to take on the county champions without Alec Stewart, Graham Thorpe and the Hollioake brothers, who are all otherwise engaged in the one-day series against Australia. It could be even worse for them to have lost lan Salisbury as well.

The England leg spinner's damaged finger is taking longer to heal than he had expected and his absence could be

against Glamorgan

very deep indeed.

By RICHARD HOBSON

CARDIFF (second day of four): Hamp-shire have scored 232 for two wickets

THE register of Australian batsmen

enjoying county cricket rather than the

Ashes tour has become as familiar as it is

formidable. Yesterday, those with a more

patriotic outlook could embrace the idea

that a side should be judged by the

quality of players that it can omit. If

Robin Smith is overlooked for England

duty, then the mine of talent must run

Well, to a point Two words explain

crucial on a Grace Road pitch that turned sufficiently yesterday for Adrian Pierson, the Leicestershire off spinner, to bowl unchanged for 28 overs. half of them maidens, from the Bennett End, picking up four for 42 in the process.

In many ways, it was an oldfashioned sort of day. The loss of the first day because of water-logged run-ups had turned the match into a threeday contest; one of Pierson's victims was caught in the once familiar leg-slip position, where Lock used to snap them up off Laker, and there was a Knott, James, the son of Alan, making his championship de-

stead of forward, and was leg-For a while, it looked as though Leicestershire's decibefore. It was all hard work for the sion to put Surrey in might backfire. Mullally glared sus-

piciously at the ground underfoot as he ploughed through the sawdust at the pavilion end and, although Milins had no complaints when he took over to have Darren Bicknell leg-before, Butcher's returnspin defeated him. ing form was reassuring for Lewis did his level best to He had started warily, but

five boundaries in successive overs from Mullally and Par-sons gave him confidence and he had reached 59 off 86 balls, hitting nine fours, when he misjudged the length of a bali

batsmen after that. Shahid was beautifully picked up at leg slip by Habib off Pierson, Ratcliffe top-edged Johnson to deep square leg and Brown was contained to one flowing cover drive and one mighty pull for six before Pierson's

play a captain's innings against his old county and Knott gave him gallant support, but Pierson snared them both before the end of a cold, grey day on which the calibre of cricket finally matched the

Cosker reminds Smith of his limitations Smith's probable absence from the A total of 136 overs have been lost to the weather over the first two days, however, so the captains may need to enter negotiations for the game to retain any

interest tomorrow. Glamorgan were entitled to expect a little more from the morning session when Watkin had Matthew Hayden leg-before with the last ball of the first over, a full-length delivery that

struck him on the foot. James and Smith reached their lifties in successive overs as the ball became increasingly difficult to control in the damp, cold conditions - especially after it had been cracked across the wet outfield by one of Smith's trademark square cuts.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET (Second day of four. Durham won Worcestershire have scored 345 for six wickets against Durham

ANY fond memories that

Greene Hick had about the Durham bowlers disappeared as his latest batting failure, in relative terms, pushed him further to the fringes of Ashes Test selection this summer.

Hick, with only 13 runs in two previous championship innings, added 39 before venturing the loosest of strokes to Steven Lugsden and being caught at the wicket down the leg side. Last July, an innings of 150

off Durham's attack played Hick into the Lord's Test against Pakistan. It was his 46th and most recent England appearance. While Hick returns to the nets, he will rue being dismissed by a bowler who was not only making his first championship appearance since last June, but also delivered eight wides.
With the first day having

been lost to overnight rain, the second began on time. The slippery footholds enforced some of Lugsden's problems, but his new-ball pairing with the persevering Martin Saggers was the least experienced to spearhead Durham in their six years in first-class

With Simon Brown, Melvyo Betts, John Wood and Colin Campbell all injured, Durham dug deeply into their limited resources. Visions of a Worcestershire run spice were still remote because the ball seamed significantly on the rare occasions that Durham discovered line and length. Alan Walker, 34, was the

exception to Durham's way wardness, dismissing Philip Weston, caught at first slip, and Tim Curtis, taken at second by David Boon after Paul Collingwood, standing alongside him, had juggled with the chance.

Most batsmen got in, hinter at a hundred and promptly got out, Tom Moody making 61 from 92 balls and Gavin Haynes scoring 67. Curits Hick and Reuben Spiring all exceeded 30 without suggesting command.

David Leatherdale, who bowling partnership with Haynes brought about the downfall of the Australians last Sunday, flourished with him in batting mode as they added 68 for the sixth wicker on Worcestershire's productive day.

Hick again | Ilott makes up for lost time to rout leaders

GLOUCESTER (second day of four. Essex won tossi Gloucestershire have scored 84 for seven wickets against

GLOUCESTER folk are firm ly of the opinion that the fates conspire against their match at the King's School. This Gloucester festival, at Archdeacon Meadow, is now in its fifth year, since transferring from Winget cricket club, and rain has proved a constant

but once play did start yesterday Essex quickly made up for lost time as Mark Ilon scythed through Gloucester shire's innings with four for 17 in ten exemplary overs.

With little rain since Tuesday's deluge, there seemed little reason not to start on time, but with a light shower and the stubborn nature of the surplus water on the wicket's fringes, play was prevented until 4pm. The frustration was such that George Balmer, the groundsman, and his team resorted to employing blankets from the boys dormitories to assist in the mopping-up process.
Gloucestershire may well

have wished that the rain had never stopped. The champ-ionship leaders struggled to cope with a wicket offering some extravagant movement which the Essex seamers duly

Admittedly, it was a good toss to win, but Essex, keeping the ball well up to the bat, capitalised. With Trainor surviving several early alaims, it was no surprise that, in the seventh over, Ilott had him caught at short extra cover off bat and pad. Two balls later, the same bowler confounded Robert Cumliffe with a ball that nipped back sharply through the gate.

At three for two and faced by strong attacking fields.

Monte Lynch counter-attacked launching his imnings
with an edge between the
wicketkeeper and first slip.

He did manage some characteristically robust drives, but he soon — tatally — edged Rounie Irani to Gooch at first

Tony Wright was largely perils of the new ball, but he also edged fram to Gooch. flott returned to outwit Mark Alleyne and Richard Davis. the nightwatchman, in successive balls, while Cowan undid Shaun Young with the day's final ball.

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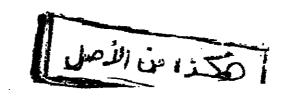
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Derbyshire fail to press home their advantage

TRENT BRIDGE (second day calle, were hit on their gloves fractured a bone in his right of four): Derbyshire, with nine second-innings wickers in hand, are 129 runs ahead of Nottinghamshite

AFTER taking eight wickets more swiftly than even their buoyant Australian captain would have countenanced, Derbyshire, inexplicably, were unable to make Nottinghamshire follow on yesterday. One of the remaining batsmen was Tim Robinson, who has a fractured hand, yet Usman Afzaal, partnered by Paul Franks and quite undeterred by anything that Devon Mal-colm could come up with, added 64 runs that gave their county some succour. Nottinghamshire managed to take the wicket of Adrian Rollins be-

Both Aizaal and Franks played markedly more competently than anybody other than Johnson had done earlier in the mnings. Their runs were needed. Although Mark Bowen, the seam bowler, who is with his second county, had taken a career-best seven for 75 earlier in the day, Derbyshire had made a sufficiently large total, 319, given that there was still something in the pitch for the medium-pace

Not even Bowen, though, could compare with Malcolm in his initial spell. It was searingly fast and pretty accurate. Both Nottinghamshire would have been the very openers, Pollard and Met- batsman for this occasion, had

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most assured century yester-

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taken over from another Australian left-hander, Michael Bevan, as Yorkshire's over-

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players that they were entitled

to go off. They had resorted to

their light meters on at least

four occasions, but, to their

credit, the batsmen preferred to play rather than lotter in the

pavilion. So far, only 58 overs

have been possible on the first

No matter how poor the

light, the bowlers came alike

to Lehmann, who was particu-

larly strong square of the wicket. He crutiched drives

between point and extra cover

and ran zealously between the

wickets to give some impetus

to the innings, but he is not

just a ball-basher. His strokes

rang out truly and confidently

and he showed his joy on

completing his hundred by

waving his bat excitedly in

The outfield was so wet that

play started three hours late,

with protective covers shield-

every direction.

close at 5.20pm.

two days.

- the former broke a finger in his left hand - and the latter twice edged close to gully. before he was leg-before on the back foot. In another over, Malcolm had Pollard well taken down the leg side by Krikken and, after hitting Archer on the shoulder, had

him held at first slip.
This might sound like intimidatory bowling, yet for most of this spell Malcolm pitched the ball up and looked like the fast bowler Nelson Mandela (one of his benefit patrons) still takes him to be He remains less accomplished at finishing off an innings. which was one reason why Nottinghamshire avoided following on. Also, Johnson, who made his third consecutive half-century, put on 50 in 12 overs with Dowman in the middle of the innings.

As on the first day, there was some help for anybody who looked to pitch the ball up and move it off the seam. Dean had Dowman caught at cover point, eventually ac-counted for Johnson and made one swing in to york Noon. When Aldred, who took 13 wickets for the second XI at Trent Bridge last week, removed Evans and Bowen, Nottinghamshire still required 42 to save the follow-

They had two wickets in hand, but Robinson, who hand in the field on Wednesday and was not intending to bat. In fact, as Afzaal and Franks unexpectedly came closer to saving the follow-on, he could be espied practising one-handed defensive shots in the Nottinghamshire dress-ing-room. Ultimately, he did come out to bat when Afzaal, whose past ten first-class in-nings read 5, 47, 26, 51, 39, 67 not out, 19, 70 not out, 77 not

out and now 52, was eventually bowled. Earlier, Nottinghamshire had done markedly well to take Derbyshire's last five wickets for 36 runs. Jones added only six to his overnight 71 before Bowen had him legbefore. Bowen then had Krikken and Aldred caught at the wicket and gained his seventh wicket when he caught Dean in his followthrough. This is the kind of pitch that he would like to play on all season.

The six catches taken by Noon equalled the record by a Nottinghamshire wicketkeeper. This has been achieved on ten occasions, four times by Bruce French, who played in the Hadlee era and now specialises - if that is the right word - as a rock climber. Wicketkeepers always were a bit different. Noon is not in that class, but his catching over the past two days has been of a sufficiently high standard to impress the most exacting of judges.



Greg Blewett surveys the damage after being bowled by Darren Gough for 28 during England's six-wicket victory over Australia at Headingley yesterday. Report, page 48

EQUESTRIANISM

Lyon proves the main attraction in dressage

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

POLLY LYON, who disappeared from the international eventing scene burnt out and exhausted after winning her second European young riders title in 1990, confirmed her return yesterday when she and the Irish-bred War Tyler took the overnight lead after the first day of dressage at the Chubb Insurance Windsor International Horse Trials.

Lyon, 28, produced an attractive, flowing test on the seven-year-old gelding that gave her a 1.6-point lead over Eddy Stibbe, of Holland, on Kilkea Castle, Their tests appeared to be in a different league from the rest of the

Sheffield-born Darrell Scaife, whose eventing career started eight years ago, when he wrote persuasively to Jane Holderness-Roddam, then chairman of the selectors, asking her to train him, is in

third place on Faerie Dazzler. Lyon, who is engaged to Toby Williamson, equerry to the Queen, had one of the most spectacular starts to an eventing career. She won the individual and team gold medals at the 1987 European junior championships on Highland Road and became the European young riders champion - and also won a team gold medal — the following year. In 1990, aged 21, she gained her second European young riders' title on Folly's ast, but instead of elation lelt 'exhausted and ready to quit".

Preoccupied with building up her Charlton Park equestrian yard in Wiltshire, she put her international career on hold for the next four years. It might have remained that way had not William Russell, an eventing enthusiast, whose son, Miles, had competed with Lyon, offered to buy her a potential top-class event horse" - provided that she found it.

Wat Tyler was discovered two years ago on Anglesey. Bold and athletic, he has been placed each time at one-day trials this season and has helped to make the sport fun again for Lyon. Windsor is his first three-day event, but Lyon is optimistic about the 26-fence row. "It's big, but it's well built and inviting and should suit him." she said.

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IN BRIEF

British men fall at qualifying stage

THREE more British players were beaten in the first qualifying round of the French Open tennis championships in Paris vesterday. Danny Sapsiord, Luke Milligan and Nick Weal followed Andrew Richardson and Chris Wilkinson out of the fournament.

Sapsford was beaten 6-3, 6-3 by Rodolphe Gilbert, of France. Milligan lost 6-3, 4-6, o-1 to Rodolphe Cadart, also of France, and Weal was beaten n-1, 6-0 by Vincenzo Santo-

padre, of Italy.
Michael Stich joined the list of absentees from the men's singles when he announced vesterday that he would not he taking part. Stich plans to retire in September.

Timely arrival

Basketball: John Amechi, the England forward, will, after all, be able to play for his country in Pezinok, Slovakia. tonight when they begin their programme in the qualification round of the European championship against Luxembourg. It was thought that Amechi would not arrive in time as he has been in the United States attempting to revive his career in the National Basketball Association.

Three and easy

Golf: Tommy Horton completed two hat-tricks when he won the Sconish Life/Ben Sayers senior club professionchampionship by nine strokes at Finham Park, Coventry, yesterday, Horton had a seven-under-par final round of 66 to win the event for the third time in succession. It was his third seniors' title in as many weeks.

Ireland beaten

Rugby union: Northland trounced the Ireland Development XV 69-16 in the first match of their New Zealand tour at Whangarei yesterday. The second division team scored ten tries, while the Irish side could manage only one from Gary Halpin, the

Home rule

of Italy, sprinted the closing 100 metres yesterday to win the sixth stage of the Giro d'Italia. Pavel Tonkov retained the overall lead.

Brown and Donald force Middlesex on back foot

By Derek Hodgson

EDGBASTON (second day of four: Warwickshire won toss): Middlesex have scored 161 for seven wickets against Warwickshire

UNLESS there is a fundamental change in the weather in the next ten days, Australia will play the first Test match here on a pitch not dissimilar to the one that undermined Middleunder cloud, ideal for England's battery of fast-medium bowlers.

It would be unfair to say that the pitch was entirely to blame. Warwickshire's bowling, especially that harness, Middlesex were in trouble.

Lehmann's talent

shines through

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

TAINTON (second day of ing baby pitches on the far four): Yorkshire have made side of the square. Anthony 183 for five wickets against McGrath did not detain Som-

erset long, caught behind as

he pushed uncertainly at a

ball from Kevin Shine that left

him off the pitch.

By the time Craig White, missed at the wicket before he

had scored, was comprehen-

sively bowled by Andrew Caddick, Lehmann had

reached his fifty. He enjoyed

one moment of fortune when

Mushtaq Ahmed deceived

him with a slower ball of full length that hit him on the front

pad, but he is an uncomplicat-ed batsman and galloped to

his century from 168 balls,

His second fifty occupied only 67 balls, which was some

going on such a bothersome

day. Richard Blakey con-

ferred even more distinction

on the innings by playing like

an amateur at the other end.

One might expect a man who

spends so much time behind

the stumps to pick the googly.

Blakey was chueless as Mushtaq baffled him at will.

How he survived the day

was a comic turn on its

There was some talk last

month that Yorkshire did not

actually need an overseas

player - and they probably do

not, for they have an abun-

dance of talent - but, on this

showing, Lehmann will make

"business" runs and make

them quickly, which is not

something that all Yorkshire

batsmen have done in the

recent past. He will make

them attractively, too.

with 13 boundaries.

of Dougie Brown and Allan Donald, was hostile and penetrative and the slips' catching was exemplary. Yet the performance, overall, was patchy and the deputy wicketkeeper, Tony Frost, who hails from Bob Taylor's home town of Stoke, would have needed to match a display by the maestro to reduce the number of

Middlesex began engagingly enough, taking 19 off Graeme Brown to take over from the Pavilion End. Donald needed most of three overs to find the right length on this surface and once the pair were in

The pitch had a shade of green, the clouds were grey but reasonably high and the temperature low. Donald, on or about the off stump, made the ball lift sharply, while Brown found variations of seam and bounce.

Paul Weekes was taken low to the keeper's right. Mark Ramprakash. keeping down a ball that jumped, vas caught at short leg. Jacques Kallis, straight and upright, was neat and fluent, before going back, fatally, and Brown lunched on figures of 13-6-22-3.

The exotically-named Mo Sheikh. 23, who was called up from the Birmingham League, was revealed

Fairbrother holds

key to survival

By Barney Spender

had done the hard work,

however, they were quickly

disabused of the idea as Tim

Walton and David Ripley

added 115 for the eighth

wicket. Walton reached 50

three times in his five champ-

ionship matches last year and

kept up that consistency with

He appears to have a tight

enough defence, but he also

showed a refreshing fond-

ness for standing up straight and giving the ball a good belt. He twice deposited Gary

Keedy over the mid-on

boundary on his way to 20,

while his third six went a bit

wider, over cow-shot corner.

Yet his adventure proved his

downfall, as Ian Austin took

a good catch on the boundary

to give the left-arm spinner

his third wicket and a modi-

cum of revenge. Emburey went quickly, but

Ripley, who nudged his way

effectively to 79 not out, then

added to Lancashire's dark

mood by adding 45 for the last wicket with Neil Taylor.

The Lancashire batsmen

were quickly in trouble. Na-

than Wood, son of former

Lancashire and England

opener. Barry Wood, edged

Penberthy to the boundary, but another nibble outside the

off-stump produced a thinner

edge and a good catch by

David Ripley, diving in front

of first slip. Gallian looked as

comfortable as anyone in

moving to 49, but, shortly

before the close, he pushed

forward to Emburey and was

snapped up by Rob Bailey at

silly point.

a well-worked 60 yesterday.

OLD TRAFFORD (second

day of four): Lancashire, with

eight first-innings wickets in

hand, are 390 runs behind

FOR THE second day run-

ning, Old Trafford escaped

the rain, but it was still a

gloomy day for the Lanca-

shire supporters. Under pew

ter skies, they were subjected

to some grey cricket as North-

amptonshire took a firm grip on what has been a pretty

After grinding out a first-innings total of 479 in a little

over ten hours, Northampton-

shire picked up two early

wickets, including the crucial one of Jason Gallian, to leave

Lancashire in danger of suf-

fering a second successive

defeat. They are 390 behind,

but, of more immediate im-

portance, they need another

241 to avoid the follow-on.

Their survival depends on

Neil Fairbrother's batting, or

Resuming on 281 for four,

Northamptonshire threat-

ened to throw away their

position as Glen Chapple, in

an impressive spell, picked up

the wickets of David Capel,

leg-before for 15, and Kevin

Curran, who spent 35 minutes

gathering the nine runs that

he needed for his first hun-

dred of the season before

offering a catch to Steve

Titchard in the covers. Soon

afterwards, Jeremy Snape

played on to Gary Yates while

cutting to leave Northamp-

If Lancashire thought they

RUGBY LEAGUE

luck-off 7:30 unless stated

Stones Super Letaus

Bradford v Oldham

tonshire on 319 for seven.

a good dousing of rain.

dour game so far.

Northamptonshire

as lean and whippy. He came in off a 12-yard run-up and is probably quicker than he looks.

The Middlesex rock, in this sea of trouble, was the captain. Mike Gatting arrived with the score at 35 for two, stayed for 24 hours either side of lunch, blocked many, plastered some and gave his opinion of the pitch with some expressive body

When Gatting departed, having hit his team's total had taken on a measure of respectability, at least, at 130 for six.

He did, too, get a snorter from Donald after he and Keith Brown

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been warned.

had gone home.

had given the tail a platform for

recovery. By mid-afternoon, the driz-

zle came and went and neither

batting, bowling, fielding nor spectat-

ing became very pleasant. The um-

pires finally conceded just after 6pm

with another 46 overs lost and, by

then, even the hardiest of spectators

Warwickshire confirmed yesterday

that their Axa Life League match

against Somerset will be played as a

Wednesday, July 23, starting at 6pm

and ending approximately at 11pm.

There will be a fancy dress contest,

music and face-painting. You have

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By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT This Refresher illustrates an important theme in discarding.

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West led the ten of clubs and

the defence played three rounds of the suit, the last of which was ruffed by declarer who immediately played the king of spades from hand. West won with the ace and played his fourth club, East discarding a small diamond. Declarer ruffed the club and played two more rounds of

trumps. On the last of these West was in some difficulty. Thinking that East's diamond discard meant he was holding on to something in hearts, West threw a heart Declarer laid down the king of hearts (in case West had started with five and East had a singleton honour), and now had a third

There was a heated post mortem. West told East that he should have discarded a heart from his three small.

East told West that he didn't want to give away the position if declarer had had KJ 10 of hearts.

Although East could have been more helpful, the fault was with West. The clue was in declarer's play. If declarer had a fourth round diamond loser (holding, say, AQxx). he would surely have ruffed a diamond in the dumnry. So it was clear for West to discard a diamond.

The lesson is, if there is a shortage in dummy but declarer does not go for ruffs, it is usually because ruffs in that suit would not help him; it is safe for the defenders to discard their long cards in the SUIL

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene

Madrid elite

A powerful tournament is taking place in Madrid, where Britain's top grandmaster Nigel Short faces such luminaries as the former Russian (now Spanish) grandmaster Valery Salov, the Bulgarian grandmaster Veselin Topalov, another adoptive Spaniard. Alexei Shirov (formerly Latvian) and the world's top woman player, Judit Polgar.

In the first round, Short defeated the Spanish player San Segundo. However, the centrepiece of the round was the sharp clash between Shirov and Polgar. After a difficult opening Polgar went wrong with the passive decision 14 ... gxh6. She should have played 14 ... Rxh6 meeting 15 f5 with 15 ... Ne5 to Bxho Qxh6 when Black has excellent strategic compensation for the slight investment in

Black: Judit Polgar Madrid, May 1997 Sicilian Defence

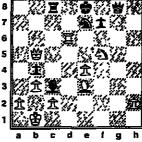
White: Alexei Shirov

Nc3 9 g5 10 Bg2 11 gxh6 12 Nyc6 13 Qd4

15 Raf1

19 Nd1 Nc6 Od8 Rg4 Rrg2 Bt1 25 Rkg2 26 Ng4 27 I5 28 Ot2 Bg7 Bc3 Bxg2 ed5 Kd7 Og8 Og6 Og8 ke8 Ne7 Black fost on time

Diagram of final position



Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B.T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing). ☐ Raymond Keene writes on

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WORD-WATCHING

Hunslet v Barrow

a. A Breton cow

ESPADON a. A sword

By Philip Howard

b. The fluke of an anchor c. A measure of land

b. A bicuspate beard c. The ace of spades

DANTE a. A sort of buffalo b. A trailing hat c. An exile

ENROUGH a. Enough b. To make rough

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Thomas - Horne, Hastings 1948. It seems as if Black must be forced to exchange queens, as his own queen is pinned and attacked by the white knight. However, he had other plans. How did he continue?

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OTHER SPORT **BADMINTON: World team championships**

(at Glasgow). EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor Horse Trials worth).
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Edinburgh)

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FOOTBALL

Ince in two minds over ending of Italian interlude

From Oliver Holt, football correspondent, in milan

PAUL INCE sits in a quiet corner of the Internazionale training complex, smiling wryly and shaking his head. Life is sweet on sunny days like these here in the rustic peace of Appiano Gentile, where his team-mates stroll in and out of shady groves.
Ince is finding it hard to let

go. A few weeks ago, he said, he had made up his mind. He and his wife. Claire, were growing increasingly worried about the education of their eldest son, Thomas, about their inability to find him a school near to their apartment on the shores of Lake Como. Ince had decided to come home, probably into the open arms of Liverpool or Arsenal.

Then, things began to change. Last week, during Inter's Serie A match against Reggiana, a group of the fanatical supporters who have taken the English midfield player to their hearts hung a huge banner over one of the great balconies at the San Siro, begging "Ince the War-

rior" to stay.

At about the same time. Inter offered him a lucrative one-year extension to the remaining 12 months of his existing three-year contract, a deal that earns him more than £30,000 a week. He said that he would not sign it, but the desperation of the club to hang on to him and the affection of

"Last Thursday, against Reggiana, the whole stadium was singing that they did not want me to go." Ince said. "The more people say it, the more it starts to play on your

The other thing is that the club has been fantastic. If I stay for the last year of my contract next season, they will not get any money for me at the end of it because of [the] Bosman [judgment]. They could say: We'd better sell him now and get the money. But the offer of this new contract shows how much they want me. It is nice to be

"At Manchester United, no matter what anyone says. I was forced out, so there was really no choice. But this is different. I get in two minds sometimes. I think it is time to



Hoddle gives chance to reborn Gascoigne

GLENN HODDLE, the England coach, yesterday departed from his usual custom by naming Paul Gascoigne as a definite starter for the match against South Africa at Old Trafford tomorrow (David Maddock writes).

In so doing, Hoddle, like so beginning. "The nature of the man must change," Hoddle had said of Gascoigne earlier in the week. The alarming thing for England's prospects is that Hoddle appeared to be serious. That Gascoigne is 29 and has had more false starts than Linford Christie appears to have escaped Hoddle's

Like so many of his predecessors, he is sticking to the conviction that the nature of the man-child can be changed when all the evidence is to the contrary. Hoddle's conversation yesterday had a hint of religious zeal as he talked of the prospect awaiting Gascoigne tomorrow, and the depressing suggestion is that he will again be offered a central role in the future of the

"What I like about Paul is that I have had a long talk with him and he appears to have responded," Hoddle said. "We talked about him concentrating on his football, enjoying it again and being in love with training again, and he has responded. There is no flamboyance on the training ground any more. He is still a cheeky, chirpy, chappie - but he has not overdone it this time, like he has in the past."

go and then something happens and I think I should stay for the last year." Far from being the arro-

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gant, aggressive character that he is often portrayed as, Ince was the soul of candour, easy humour and common sense, happy to talk even in the aftermath of the crushing disappointment of Inter's Uefa Cup final defeat to Schalke 04 on Wednesday night in a penalty shoot-our.

He spoke of his patriotism. too, how he feared the mood that he sensed in some of his peers that it was no longer quite so important to play for England. He said that he would seek advice from Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, about his dilemma over whether to leave inter, who could yet qualify for the Champions' League next season, when he joins up with the squad on Monday for the World Cup qualifying match against Poland the following

Saturday. There were several issues that he was agonising over, he said, but the main problem was that the only suitable school for Thomas, five, was more than an hour's drive away from the family apartment. He had considered tutors, but he was keen that his elder son should not be denied the company of other children. For the past six months,

Thomas has been closeted in the apartment with his mother, who has just given birth to a second son. Daniel, and Ince is redoubling his efforts to find a solution that might help him to come to a final decision about his future.

"Claire and I have both agreed that Thomas and his school is the most important thing." Ince said. "We are exploring various things, but moving closer to the school is not really an option because we are so settled where we are. We might even look at a school in Switzerland.

"I also have to think about injury and then I would be knackered. My next deal will be my last big deal and I want a four or five-year contract.

"But when I walked out of the tunnel before the Schalke game and felt the atmosphere in the San Siro, I thought: This is unbelievable.' The quality of life here is fantastic, the apartment is beautiful, the people are nice and the food is lovely. It is a hard place to



Lions pair follow in fathers' footsteps

FROM DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN DURBAN

SPORTING talent can run in families, but second generation Lions remain rare beasts. That two sons of famous fathers will make their bow for the British Isles in Port Elizabeth tomorrow is, therefore, a moment for rugby to

It will mean even more if Keith Wood can emulate his father. Gordon, and appear in imernationals in the Lions front row, or that Scott Quinnell can go in the back row, where his father. Derek. went before. Quinnell's pedigree is strengthened by the

was also a member of the 1971 Lions in New Zealand and played alongside Quinnell Sr the team that beat the All Blacks. Scott Quinnell's appearance

against an Eastern Province invitation XV was confirmed only yesterday after the withdrawal from the selected Lions team of Tim Rodber. The Northampton No 8, suffering from gastro-enteritis on Wednesday, did not recover sufficiently quickly to play a full part in the first private training session of the tour and ceded his place to the Welshman.

It is remarkable that Quinnell and Wood should also play in similar positions to their fathers, like the

Waddells, Herbert and Gordon, who played stand-off half for Scotland and the Lions in 1924 and 1962 respectively. Gordon Wood propped twice against New Zealand in 1959; he died in 1982 when Keith was only ten, and the Harlequins and Ireland hooker has had to search for mementoes of a playing career, such as jerseys and caps, that his

father had given away. Scott Quinnell expects to see his father midway through the tour. "We haven't really talked about the coincidence of us both playing for the Lions," he said. "Now I've been selected for my first game, I can begin to imagine what my father and my unde must have felt. only go out and play my game as best I can.

"At an early age, my father sat me down and told me that if I wanted to play rugby, he would support me so long as I was happy in what I was doing. I've been lucky to have the support of my family, but I've never enjoyed watching rugby, or rugby videos, and the only one I've seen in which my father played was the 1973 Barbarians (against New Zealandl."

It was in Port Elizabeth that Derek Quinnell played as a replacement for the injured Stuart Lane in the first match of the 1980 Lions tour, so the ern Province, and deeper into long hand of coincidence the tour, that experience will

are the 1997 Lions and I can chosen midfield pairing of Scott Gibbs and Jeremy Guscott, which reunites the eventual international combination in New Zealand in 1993, should take the field despite Gibbs suffering a mild thigh strain yesterday, while John Bentley is expected to recover from a bruised toe.

He, like Quinnell, shrugs off the leap from second division rugby in England to sterner opposition: both men are sur-rounded by players of international calibre at Newcastle and Richmond respectively. but also benefit from their exposure to professional sport in rugby league. Against East-

Catt gives England tour triumphant start

England XV ..

IN BUENOS AIRES

BUOYED by the comprehenstate champions, in the opening match of their tour, England arrived here yesterday evening with a spring in their step. Given the justifiable concerns about the lack of time to prepare and the quality of the opposition, which included five members of the national squad, the performance was as good as anyone could rightfully have expected barely 48 hours after England had arrived.

England scored five tries. led 24-11 at half-time and, apart from a few jittery moments in the scrums, deserved their victory in a hostile

While Ben Clarke and Nick Greenstock were among those Rowell, the coach, praised Kyran Bracken and Mike Catt, who last played together at half back for England in the defeat by South Africa at Twickenham in 1995, after which Bracken was dropped and was subsequently found to be suffering from glandular fever. He scored two tries while Catt contributed 18 points, from a try, five conversions and a penalty goal.

Catt's try in the second halfwas stumning in its audacity and breathtaking in its execution. Receiving possession ten metres inside the England half, he dummied, beat two defenders, sprinted into open



space and, when contronted After slipping down the by Soler, neatly chipped him. England pecking order, gathered the ball before it bounced and scored. Rowell said It was a staggering try. You would

have to come a long way to see a better one. This [perforconfidence to a lot of players." Rowell had been looking for Catt to reproduce the form that he demonstrated against Wales in the five nations' championship match in

March on a consistent basis perhaps this is the start. On this performance, Catt's omission from the British Isles party looks foolhardy, but the worries about Paul Grayson's fitness may yet see him flying to South Africa. Bracken is using the tour here to re-establish his credentials. "It is good to be back in the England frame," he said. Maybe missing the Lions was a blessing in disguise. I lenging for the top spot."

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RUGBY LEAGUE: SUPER LEAGUE LEADERS RELISH CHANCE TO EQUAL RECORD NUMBER OF VICTORIES

Bradford invest in Crouthers' potential

TWENTY-FOUR hours after the sale of Paul Cook to Huddersfield, Bradford Bulls yesterday tied up a £70,000 deal for his replacement. Kevin Crouthers, a highlyrated young centre, from Dewsbury. We've been watching him for two months and I believe he's got star quality," Matthew Elliott, the Bradford coach, said.

Crouthers. 21. is unlikely to figure in tonight's home game against Oldham Bears, part of a virtually full league programme, but he adds to the strength in depth at Odsal. This has been the single biggest factor in Bradford's success this season. Another their lead in the Super League and equal the record of 12 successive wins set last year by St Helens.

Andy Northey, of St Helens, missed their match last night at Salford after earlier receiving a four-match ban from the Rugby Football League disciplinary committee for a challenge on Martin Offiah, in which his knees went into the back of the London Broncos' wing. He is considering an appeal.

After the sudden removal on Wednesday of Phil Larder as coach at Sheffield Eagles. John Kear, his former assistant, will take charge for the first time at home to Halifax Blue Sox, who beat the Eagles 18-16 in their earlier meeting this season.

Fifth-placed London are unchanged, after their impres-

sive draw at St Helens a week ago, for the visit of Warrington Wolves, who have lost three of their past four matches and are one of five clubs losing touch at the bottom end

of the table. Castleford Tigers finally got off the mark at home to Salford last Sunday, but their improvement would need to be considerable at Central Park to disturb in-form Wigan Warriors, who brushed aside London and Halifax in their last two outings.

Hull have a three-point lead over Huddersfield at the top of the first division, but a resurgent Keighley Cougars could well test their unbeaten record at the Boulevard. Huddersfield, for whom Cook will be making his home debut against Swinton, suffered a

the one promotion place when they lost at Keighley last Sunday.

Hunslet have signed St John Ellis and Martin Ketteridge, the former Castleford pair, who are expected to make their first appearances in the second division home match against Barrow. Ellis, who joins them from Keighley on a two-year contract, will also coach the Alliance team.

Leeds Rhinos have made Tony Kemp their Alliance coach while their New Zea-land half back continues his lengthy recovery from a bro-

It will be between two and four months before he can resume his playing career. Because of his earlier attempts to start playing again, the

Kemp takes over from Damian McGrath and Dean Bell, the first-team coach, who have been looking after the

Tony has been feeling very frustrated," Bell said, "He has been here through the bad times and now he can see the club moving forward, he desperately wants to be part of it." Griff Jenkins, the former Oldham, Wigan and Salford coach, has died, aged 85. He led Oldham to the league title in 1957 and three consecutive Lancashire Cup triumphs, in 1956, 1957 and 1958, and both Wigan and Salford to Challenge Cup finals. A minute's silence will be observed before the Oldham v Salford game at Boundary Park next Monday

ATHLETICS

Black to raise captain's profile

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT ROGER BLACK was faced. hopes to have run fast enough

with two tasks yesterday when it was confirmed that he would succeed Linford Chrisie as captain of the Great Britain men's athletics team after the European Cup in . Munich next month. One, though it may seem strange to say, was to play down a suggestion that he might be overlooked for the 400 metres

spot in Munich. Logic suggests that Black, who ran the three fastest 400 metres in history by a British runner last season and who won an Olympic silver medal. should be guaranteed the place. However, by the time that the selectors meet, a fortnight hence, to pick the souad Mark Richardson

to persuade them that he is the man in form. Furthermore, Richardson is the most recent British winner of a European Cup 400 metres, in 1995. However, Black said: "As Olympic silver med-allist. I think I deserve to be picked." The selectors will no

doubt see it his way for, as Black added: "Whoever runs for Britain is going to win." it would be an extraordinary put-down for Black if. having notified Malcolm Ar-nold, the national head coach.

that he wished to be picked. he was omitted. Of the captaincy, Black said that he would seek to elevate its importance. "Linford has

performed the role asked of

him, but there has been no expectation of the team captain," he said. "At the moment, you cannot say it is the same as being asked to be captain of England at rugby, football or cricket. I would like to develop the role.

There have been problems

in the past that could have been solved if young athletes had realised there was somebody they could go to. Linford has played that role with certain athletes and I would hope I can do it with a wider spectrum. From a motivating the troops point of view, they need to be made to feel it matters and I think that has been missing. This is not a criticism of Linford as there has been no defined role."

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RACING: NEWMARKET TRAINER HAS STRONG REPRESENTATION AT THE CURRAGH THIS WEEKEND

Stoute keen to show off Dazzle

By Julian Muscat

HAVING made a splash at Newmarket and cornered all the headlines in the Derby preamble, Michael Stoute now turns his attention to the weekend's classics at the Curragh. The Newmarket trainer has representatives in the Irish 1.000 and 2,000 Guineas, while Dr Massini, favourite for the Derby 12 months ago, continues his rehabilitation in

the Tattersalls Gold Cup.

Stoute will decide on Dazzle's participation in the fillies! classic tomorrow after assessing the state of the ground. A soft surface would not suffit the

RESTRICTION Nap: RIGHT MAN (4:25 Nottingham) Next best: Perang Polly

(4.55 Nottingham) daughter of Gone West, who excelled hersen when the New-behind Sleepytime in the New-market equivalent three weeks ago. But the trainer is very

keen to run. "She has been prepared for the race." Stoute said, "and it is her last shot at a classic. She would prefer good ground but she will travel over if it is good

to soft." Persistent rain at the Curragh has considerably softened the surface but the shortterm forecast is more promising. Local bookmakers Paddy Power have installed Dazzie the 100-30 favourite ahead of Oh Nellie, who

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.40 FRIENDS OF THE NORTHERN RACING COLLEGE CLAIMING STAKES

7.05 TOTE FILLIES HANDICAP

7-2 Whote Rock, Scaraben, 17-2 Golden Thunderholf, Equatry, Rambo Waltzer, 10-1 Placage Trick, Rossoffin, 12-1 others

3-1 Step N Go., 13-2 Undrick Lady, 8-1 Cashmare Lady, 18-1 Bullero, 12-1 Mistal Breaz, Kitpanuariyan Gri, Fotest Factasy, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

(£2,742: 1m 4yd) (11 runners)



Germano fends off the determined challenge of King Alex in the Festival Stakes at Goodwood yesterday

THUNDERER

Dazzle at Newmarket. Dazzle held bright prospects as the 1,000 Guineas field reached the rising ground, just over one furlong from the finish. In the end, however, she failed to maintain the momentum. This latter detail

fair assumption," Stoute said, "but I had not been able to give her the ideal preparation. While she was entitled to get tired then, she has since been working consistently."

Stoute is represented in the Irish 2,000 Guineas on Sunsuggested she may not quite day by Yalaietanee, who failed

finished one place ahead of have seen out the trip. "It is a to give his true running in the vinced the ground was to French equivalent on testing blame. It may have been a ground. The son of Sadler's Wells, a 5-1 chance for Sunday behind the odds-on Revoque, had previously mastered that rival in the Greenham Stakes. "It is difficult to know what

NOTTINGHAM

2.25 Racing Hawk. 2.55 Mazilla. 3.25 Corniche Quest. 3.55 Saffron Lane, 4.25 Right Man. 4.55 Square Mile Miss.

going: good draw: 6f, high numbers best sis

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2,25 Esperto. 3,25 ALMASI (nap), 4,25 Jucinda.

2.25 ARNOLD SELLING HANDICAP

101 (14) 149- GUESSTMATION 247 (D.F.G.S) J Pearce 8-10-6

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102 (8) 8650 REHAAB 42 (CD.F) 0 Morts 4-9-12 ... 6 Fandbatt (5)
103 (4) -000 SANTELLA KATE 34 Mrs. L Subsis 4-9-8 ... A Cofface
104 (10) 400- HILL FARM BLIES 256 W M Besboure 4-9-3 A Gardi
105 (15) 7-1 ESPERTO 6 (CD.G) J Pearce 4-9-3 (Ser) ... 6 Bardwell
106 (16) 6-2 OMANING CROWN 4 (CD.F) M Karne 6-9-1 ... J Carnol
107 (5) -0-00 RACING HAWK 18 (V.CD.F) M Saunders 5-9-0 A MacSione
108 (3) 0-00 IRISH KINSMAN 4 6 Yardey 4-9-12 ... C Lowther (7)
109 (2) 0-00 IRISH ERESS 1 (2) Beatley (4-9-11 ... D Under
110 (16) 0-40 BLAZE OF CAK 22 | Bradley (5-9-11 ... S Drowne
111 (9) 4002 CAPTRIN MARIMALADE SJ (CD.6) D TROM 8-9-1

4-1 Esperts, 7-1 Chopin, 8-1 Captern Marmalade, Ruer Run, Rochea, Acquetat, 14-1 Geestingson, Dergond Crown, Blaze Of Calt, 16-1 others.

2.55 NORWEST HOLST CONSTRUCTION

HANDRCAP (£2,512.1m 11 213yd) (18)

201 (1) -060 UP M FLAMES 13 F.6(5 Bouring 6-9-10 - 5 Webster (10) -000 WINSTON 13 (£7,5) J Bethef 49-4 - Paul Eddery 33 (6) 0003 SOLDEN TOLCH 18 (D.F.6) D Cocymor 5-9-3 D Biggs (20) (6) 14-9 LADY SOLDNA 64 (6) M Popisas 3-9-1 1 G McLaughin 126 (17) 00-0 WELSH MORITAN 32 (7) M Festipas 3-9-1 1 G McLaughin 256 (19) 1050 SUPER HGH 15 (V.5) P Houting 5-8-13 - F Notion 207 (5) 00-0 MAZILLA 24 (CD.F.6) A Streeter 5-8-11 - F Notion 207 (5) 00-0 MAZILLA 24 (CD.F.6) A Streeter 5-8-11 - F Notion 207 (5) 00-0 MAZILLA 24 (CD.F.6) A Streeter 5-8-11 - D Harmson 209 (18) 00-0 SEANTA'S PRINCE 167 (F) K Boris 4-8-11 - A Cultivare 200 (2) 9-39 RECARATION 17 P Coher 4-8-9 - J Common 21 (11) 45 (7) TOMAS-HEROU 1054 (F.6) T Domelly 6-8-6 N Common 21 (11) 45 (7) TOMAS-HEROU 1054 (F.6) T Domelly 6-8-6 N Common 21 (11) 5003 HERSHIP OF FAME 11 (6) J Herstein 6-8-4 6 Duffield 125 (3) 00-0 COME (LIL 294 (D.F.) Pauras 6-3 - 6 Bardwell 21 (14) -050 SWEET (SSEAIX 32 (F) M Healon-Eis; 4-7-13 J Fowte (7) 217 (7) 605-1 HE ROLMOSILL 190 R Johnson Houghton 3-7-13

218 (13) 005- RUNC SYMBOL 72J (CD.F) M Blanshard 6-7-11 J Dulinn 87

13-2 Riccarton, 8-1 Winston, Golden Touch, Lady Godina, Heighth Ol Fame, Sweet Ciseaux, 10-1 Mazika, Runoc Symbol. 12-1 others. COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANCES: M Prescott, 10 wioners from 33 numers, 30.3%, 0 Noticelle, 5 from 21, 23.8%, il Charlton, 7 from 34, 20.6%; J Decker, 29 from 108, 18.5%; M Warre, 3 from 19, 15.6%; C Walt, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

JDCKEYS* L Detion, 25 womens from 130 ndes, 19.2%, Paul Eddery, 13 from 79, 16.5%; J Reed, 13 from 82, 15.9%, 6 Duffield, 16 from 109, 14.7%, I Sprake, 13 from 101, 12.9%, J Weaver, 11 from 91, 12.1%

TOWCESTER

6.20 YARDLEY GRAPHICS NOVICES HURDLE

1 S411 NORDANCE PRINCE 9 (O.F.) Miss V Williams 8-12-0

7.4 Wise Keng 3-1 Hordanics Plance, 8-1 Januarica Flight, 10-1 Declared King, 16 Only Young Once, 12-1 Position, Rain Self, 16-1 others

MARKETING HANDICAP CHASE (£3,137: 3m 1f) (8) 1 1911 AUNCHEON GALE 16 (C.F.G.S) R Curts 10-11-13. ... D Monts 2 0323 HARRISTONIN LADY 13 (B.CD.F.G) G Baking 10-11-17 A P McCoy

2 UASA PROPRIETOR DESTRUCTION OF STATE
11-9 Fortunes Course, 3-7 Functions Gale, 5-1 Martell Boy, Nova Charap, 13-2 Hamstoins Lady, 8-7 Jun Valentine, 26-1 Vicar Of Body, 23-1 Bottle Brack.

7.15 WHITSUN NOVICES HURDLE SKY

11-10 Salmen Brease, 3-1 Nordic Spree, 9-2 Leap Frog, 8-1 Emi, 16-1 Feley Missale, Tullow Lady, 50-7 Others.

6.45 NATIONAL LETTERBOX

(£2,952: 3m) (8)

THUNDERER

(£2,408; 2m) (13 runners)

HANDICAP (£3,512: 1m 1f 213yd) (18)

(£1,985: 1m 1f 213yd) (18 runners)

combination of things; the lack of pace was a problem and he ended up disputing the lead. Naturally, I'm hoping he reproduces the form he showed in the Greenham. went wrong in France," the trainer said. "I am not conwhen there was cut in the

Zamindar, fifth in the Newmarke: Guineas, is an intended opponent for Yulaietanee and Revoque. He is to be flown to Ireland but requires good ground to take his chance.

Come what may, Zamindar's owner. Khaled Abdulla. will be represented in the Irish 1,000 Guineas by Ryafan one of three in Abdulla's livery declared yesterday for the Oaks. A decision on the participation of Reams Of Verse and Yashmak is due early next

Meanwhile, Dr Massini's prospects in the Tattersalls Gold Cup were endorsed at Goodwood vesterday when Germano and King Alex, both previous victims of the Stoutetrained four-year-old, fought out a thrilling finish to the Royal Sussex Regiment Festiva! Stakes. King Alex came hard at Germano in the closing stages but the latter, trained by the in-form Geoff Wragg, would not be denied.

"Dr Massini's form is good," Stoute said, "The Irish race looks tough, but I am happy with my horse. He has never previously run on soft ground but if he meets those conditions it won't bother him. He has a good turn of foot."

Michael Hills, who partnered Germano, started the day badly when landing himself a four-day ban for irresponsible riding in the A & J Bull Maiden Stakes. Hills got Good Reputation home in first place, but the filly was demoted to third after Hills was adjudged to have interfered with Rocky Dance.

3.25 RADCLIFFE LIMITED STAKES

301 (17) - 201 RMER TEN 11 (2) F.6. - Emilier 4-2-1 . J. Weaver 302 (12) 2302 AFAKN 14 2 Marx 4-2-4 . T.6 Met Laughtin 50 (12) 2402 AFAKN 14 2 Marx 4-2-4 . T.6 Met Laughtin 50 (12) 0-000 BATALEIR 14 (0.5) Km. J. Example 4-2-4 . D. Harrson 90 (15) 61 - 46 B. B.D. STREET 19 (10) 61 (15) Khore 7-9-4 . N. Cariske 80 (16) 0-504 CAPITAR (CARAT 7 (CD)F.6) 0 More 16-9-4 . Detto 94 . Detto 9

307 (19) -321 CURRICKE CLEST 14 (D.F.G.S) & Change 4-9-4 A Endery (1) 303 (12) 65-0 SHAUPISKY 14.2 Hosting -3-4 Peat Eddery 299 (3) 0-00 ALMAS 17 (CD.F.G.) The 5-5-1 J. Red 30 (14) -006 AL RED 15 (0.G.S) 5-2-4-5-5-1 S. Websier 311 (8) 34-0 AMASY 51 D.Earthet 5-3-1 D.McMark 19 05-6 AMASOD 207 (D.F.G.) 6-9-1 D.McMark 19 005- RAMBOD 207 (D.F.G.) 6-9-1 D.McMark 19 005- SOMESHET 32 (8-6.) M. Septicer 4-9-1 S. Drowne 315 (11) 2235 CAPTAND CASPANTS 27 (V) 15-2-8-9. T. Williams 516 (15) 0420 LA DOLCE VITA 4 (8-6.) T. Septicer 3-8-9 K. Darley 4 317 (10) 4-12 MYTHSCAL 12 (8-6.) M. Percon 3-3-6 G. Destheld 317 (10) 4-12 MYTHSCAL 12 (8-6.) M. Percon 3-3-6 G. Destheld 317 (10) 4-12 MYTHSCAL 12 (8-6.) M. Percon 3-3-6 G. Destheld 317 (10) 4-12 MYTHSCAL 12 (8-6.) M. Percon 3-3-6 G. Destheld 517 (10) 4-12 MYTHSCAL 12 (8-6.) M. Percon 3-3-6 G. Destheld 618 (10) MYTHSCAL 12 (8-6.) M. Percon 3-3-6 G. Destheld 618 (10) MYTHSCAL 12 (8-6.) M. Percon 3-3-6 G. Destheld 618 (10) MYTHSCAL 12 (8-6.) M. Percon 3-3-6 G. Destheld 618 (10) MYTHSCAL 12 (8-6.) M. Percon 3-3-6 G. Destheld 618 (10) MYTHSCAL 12 (8-6.) M. Percon 3-3-6 G. Destheld 618 (10) MYTHSCAL 12 (8-6.) M. Percon 3-3-6 G. Destheld 618 (10) MYTHSCAL 12 (8-6.) M. Percon 3-3-6 G. Destheld 618 (10) MYTHSCAL 12 (8-6.) M. Percon 3-3-6 G. Destheld 618 (10) MYTHSCAL 12 (8-6.) M. Percon 3-3-6 G. Destheld 618 (10) MYTHSCAL 12 (8-6.) M. Percon 3-3-6 G. Destheld 618 (10) MYTHSCAL 12 (8-6.) MYT

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6-4 Safton Land 5-2 Supreme Angel 3-1 Gyssy Hull 11-2 Mazdigate's Disamer, 25-1 Mathatherad.

9-2 Junita 5-1 Sai Mai Bei Palythony Royal Man 12-2 Tasil Chair 8-1 Georgeoid Lee: 10-1 Master, March Businel-Le-Bouche, 12-1 other:

4.55 COLWICK APPRENTICES MAIDEN HANDICAP (\$2,003: 1m 54yd) (18)

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603 (4) -230 PERANG POLLY 25 (f) Lord Homegoton 5-9-13
C. Cougn (8) 91
604 (15) 40-0 SCOTTISH HERD 58 (B) Lady Herrus 4-6-12 P Doe (3) 89
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609 (5) 0-05 SPANSEN WARRIOR 25 J Hab 2-9-7 A McCarthy (3) 97
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601 (10) 4-00 MIBARAY 25 C Sman 5-6-5 C Lowther 97
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618 (16) 0-06 C MALKY DIRACER 41 H Categorings 5-7-10 P Bradley (5) 94
6-1 PLISA A Venture 7-1 Regal Equity Squars Make Mex. Bon Guest, 3-1 Spansh

6-1 Push A Venture, 7-1 Regol Equity Espare Lide Mess, Bon Guest, 8-1 Spanish Warner, 10-1 Terdad, Petang Polity, Flagstabl 12-1 others

4.25 NORWEST HOLST CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP (3-Y-O. £3,646: 1m 61 15yd) (10)

3.55 EBF NOVICE FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,542: 61 15yd) (5)

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The Times Prtivate Handicapper's top rating: 3,10 MONTFORT.

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2.40 GRAND PARADE LIMITED STAKES (£2,940: 1m 3l 196yd) (11 runners)

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3.10 FESTIVAL MAIDEN STAKES

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304	151	50 L	AUREL SEEKER 24 (G Harwood) Mrs. A Perreti 3-8-10 . Gaye Harwood (7)	BC
305	(4)	0-3 8	MONTFORT 17 (G Meyrick) P Cole 3-3-10 T Count	8
306	(3)	3- H	HOPE CHEST 255 (S. Marrara) D. Loder 3-8-5	맺
BETTE	B: 6-4	l Wandlorf, 9	4 Foreign Rule, 3-1 Hope Chest, 14-1 Glowing Moon. Laurel Seeker. 20-1 Burn (Jul.

about 101 5th of 9 to Premier Right in madden at Foliaschere (fm. 41, lam) #MONTFORT 494; 3uf of 10 to Conon Falls, on madden at Chester (fm. 21 75yd, soli) HOPE CHEST 1'41 3rd of 14 to Corona in madden at Lingüeld (71, good to brin). Sep 96 Selection: FOREIGN PROF. BURN OUT 26% 6th of 11 to Winter Carden in mades at That's (im 4.1 firm) SciONNRS MOON 791 14th of 16 to Rochy Casts in mades at Leiceste (im 2.1 good to soft), FOREISN RULE 31 2nd of 7 to Static Casinos Boy to mades at Newcastle (im 21. good to lavo) LAUREL SEEKER

3.40 JIM TAYLOR MEMORIAL FILLIES HANDICAP

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4 01	(4)	061-26	ALWAYS HAPPY 71J (D.F) (C Fleel) Likes G Kelleway 4-10-0 R Hughes	,
402	(13)	22-320	PASSAGE CREEPING 92 (P. lacobs) S Dow 4-9-8 A Daty (5)	9
403	(3)	30000-	RISKING 185 (M Quant) M Crannon 4-8-13 P P Morphy (5)	
404	(1)	-50503	WORLDWIDE ELSE 14 (B.D.F.G) (Classic Brookstod) Campbell 4-8-11 R Price	1
415	(2)	460-04	WHISPERED MELODY 32 (D Hillyard) R Akeharul 4-8-11	
406	(7)	550-1	GOOD NEWS 17 (B.C.F) (I Burrage) M Madgred 3-8-11 R Perham	•
407	(10)	056-00	RUMBUSTIOUS 6 (C.F) (C Curis) R Hannon 3-8-10 Dane O'Nesi	1
408	(6)	06-413	TAYVIVULLIN 45 (BF.G) (Beach Club) H Monison 3-8-9 R Cochrane	-
403	(9)	200-48	CHORUS SONG 17 (BF) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-9 . R Havilla (3)	•
410	(15)	0-0005	TIME FOR TEA 18 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-8 D O'Shea	
411	[17]	-50002	PEARL DAWN 6 (CD.F.6) (Mrs. E Neep) P Clarke 7-8-8 Candy Morns	•
412	(8)	30-5,76	SIS GARDEN 11 (G) (A Spargo Lid) J Cultiran 4-8-5 D 970mohoe (3)	•
413	(14)	02-000	MEDISAN 17 (C.F.) (Mass L. Elinoti) T Naughton 4-8-4 / O Smith (3)	
414	(12)	244154	HARLECUM WALK 201 (B,G) (Lar. R Deorgachum) & O'Suilhean 6-7-12 J Lowe	9
415	(5)	550446	LUCY OF ARABIA 9 (B) (J Sheehan) J Sheehan 3-7-10. Martin Dwysir (3)	•
			iong, 5-1 Tayonulin, 6-1 Good News, 7-1 Whispend Melody 8-1 Rumbicstous, et 16-1 others.	10

FORM FOCUS

WORLDWIDE ELSIE 7461 3rd ol 12 to Migno Laty In handwap at Limphed (fire 2f, AN) with PEARL DAWN (2lb better off) 3641 12th. WHISPERED MELODY about 11 4th of 15 to Salve Ans in handwap over course and detance (firm) with PEARL DAWN (3lb better off) 101 10th 6000 NEWS beat Going Green 2f in 9-numer claimer here (7), good to firm) TAYOMIALIN beat Greenare

neck in 7-runner handicap at Southwell (71, AW) CHORUS SONG about 8½1 4th of 15 to Angel Face in hendicap at Barat (11th, good to larm) PEARL DAWN head 3rd of 20 for Bright Paragon in handi-cap at Lengheld (51, good). SIS GARDEN 31 2nd of 12 to Theate Magic in handicap at Wolverhampton (71, AW) Selection: WHSPERED MELODY

4.10 DOME HANDICAP

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501	(2)	10-050	CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 24 (CD.F.G) (J. Joseph) R O'Sallican 9-10-0 D O'Qonoboe (O)	9
500	(10)		DANDE FLYER 13 (V.F.G.) (Dandeton Ltd.) D Arbustnot 4-10-0 S Whitworth	9
503	(D)		GWESPYR 25 (F.G) (M al-Stuarbi) R Hamon 4-9-13 Dane O'Neal	8
504	(1)	300-2	MARENGO 17 (BF) (J Sharp) J Alichurst 3-9-8 T Clumn	9
505	(4)		LANCASHIPE LEGEND 90 (G) (B Taker & D Wilson) 5 Don 4-9-4 A Daly (S)	9
505	(5)		IVORY'S GRAB HIRE 4 (B.F.G) (D hory) It hory 4-9-4 Martin Dwyer (3)	95
507	(9)		SHARP IMP 42 (B,CD.F,E) (Mr. G Terronerman) R Floater 7-9-4 D Holland	9
50B	(8)	5-3015	COLLEGE NIGHT 11 (CD,F) (Mrs. C Durnetty S C Williams 5-8-9 P McCabe (3)	9
509	(6)		SUPER PARK 171 (D.S) (J Pearce) J Pearce 5-8-8 . M Wigham	9
510	(13)		JUSTIMANUS 17 (D.G.S) (M. Pascall) J Bridger 5-8-5 A Whelan (3)	9
511	an		MAGRATE 226 (D.F.G.) (T Szenico) M Channon 8-8-3 P P Murphy (5)	9
512	(3)	5565-0	LORDIS GOLD 14 (CD,F) (Mrs M Taylor) A Turnell 7-7-12 N Adams	9:
513	(12)		SHERMOOD 4 (Mrs Y Hubbard) is hosy 4-7-10	81
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FURM	FUCUS
SWESPYR about 5 ki 8th of 17 to Night Flight in kandidan at Pointehad (6), good LANCASHIRE LEGIND 1141 2nd of 6 to Sweet Willbeiman in winded stakes at Lingfield (71, AW). Feb 97. SHAPP RMP 31 4th of 9 to Spender in handicap mer course and distance (firm) with CRYSTAL INGMYS (26) bester of) 1141 6th. COLLEGE HIGHT (26) bester of) 1141 6th. COLLEGE HIGHT beat MARENGO (3th bester of) 1141 in 14-	runner handroop over course and distance (good in htm) JUSTINIANUS, 1341 2nd of 17 to Apollo Re in handroop bee (7), good to firm tool SHERMOOD (5to better oil; 2394 160. LORNA GOLD about 234 6th of 15 to Ashbertary in apprentice handloop at Windoor (3), good to firm) with JUSTINIANUS (6to worse of) 1341 8th. Selection: JUSTINIANUS (map)

4.40 BRIGHTON CENTRE HANDICAP

(3-Y	-0: E	2,914: 5	1 59ya) (10 rumers)	
601	(61	3-4442	MOPALEA 24 (T Neughton) T Houghton 9-7	88
602	(9)	210106	EAGER TO PLEASE 6 (B.D.F.G) (Mess J Crowley) Miss: 6 Kelleway 9-6 D Holland	96
603	(5)	604-0	STOCK HILL DANICER 11 (B) (Mrs M Faintainn) B Meetan 9-4. G Harmon (7)	86
604	m	4-00	CHLOE NICOLE 18 (C Wright) P Cole 9-2	94
605	įή	3-4050	ANDKATO 4 (8,D,F) (K hopy) K hopy 9-0 Martin Dever (3)	86
606	(10)		EATON PARK 241 (Money Men) R Alchursi 8-9 A Clark	98
607	(8)	6235-3	GOLD EDGE 58 (M Channon 9-9 P P Murphy (5)	
608	(4)	6046-	BESTELENA 167 (Crosin Play) D Cosprove 8-8	65
609	(3)	0-0302	HAMPARA BAY 9 (L Home) 5 Statety 8-3	98
610	(2)	606-4	FORMIDABLE SPIRIT 122 (V) (F Sainsbury) M Heaton-File: 7-10 J Lowe	94
Long			sble Spiriu 7-5	

BETTHIG: 7-2 Numeras Bay, 4-1 Gold Edge, 9-2 Nopolea, 11-2 Eager To Plasse, 13-2 Stock Hill Dances, 10-1 Chico Nicole, 13-1 Eaton Pask, 14-1 othes,

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10/11/10000							
NOPALEA 11/1 and of 10 to Cauda Equina in selles at Bark (5f. good to firm), EAGER TO PLEASE beat disclaring ever neck in 5-runner bendings at Bark (71 and 11 4 to Daywella in bendings at Langdied (71, AW) STOCK HILL DAWCER 73/1 4th of 13 to Unshaken in auction maden at Frilassione (51 good to soil), Dot 96 GOLD EDGE 29/1 3rd of 14 to Eage at Lingdied (61, AW). Selection: EAGER TO PLEASE							
COURSE SPECIALISTS							
TOURIERO INCIPOR							

TRAINERS D Loger R Alekerst Lord Huntingdon	Wies. 4 20 7	Rors 13 85 32	30.8 23.5 21.9	JOCKEYS T Cuino B Haghes Dane O'Nell	Winners 48 11 13	Rades 202 60 74	% 23 8 18.3 17.6
S Woods J Pearce Mss. G Kelleway	5	23 24 47 ————	21.7 20 8 19 1	M Wigham D R McCabe J D Smrth	3	24 19 27	16 7 15 8 14 8

Derby winner Henbit put down

HENBIT, winner of the 1980 Derby despite sustaining a hairline fracture to a cannon-bone during the race, has been put down after sustaining injuries to muscles in his back while covering a mare last week. The stallion was found collapsed in his box at the Helshaw Grange Stud, in Shropshire, on Wednesday morning.

7.30 NORTHERN RACING COLLEGE SKY CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,187: 61) (5) 1. 2156 MISTER BARRES 19 (5) W 6 A Timer B-13 T Sprain 4
2 5 HIGH MONEY 14 E Lines B-11 Paul Eddory 1
3 012 RISTY BARE 11 (87-6), J Dann 8-11 J Dann 3
4 2311 CLASSY (2:E0 25 (C.F.S) R HARRO B-10 K Darley 2
5 1222 OUT LINE MARIC 9 (7) P Essen 8-10 J F Egen 5 6.40 Equeny. 7.05 STEP N GO (nap). 7.30 Out Like Magic. 8.00 Night Chorus. 8.30 Almutharam. 9.00 Polish Romance. 11-6 Classy Cleo, 5-2 Out Life Magic, 9-2 Resty Babe, 7-1 High Money, 8-1 Waster Bankos.

8.00 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,818: 1m 4yd) (9) 1 213- SOUTHERLY WIND 210 (CD.F) Mrs. J Ramsten 9-7. K Falls
2 035- BALLY SOUZA 216 M Johnston 9-5. J West
3 -194 BLOOMING AMAZENG 16 (D.F) J Eyn 9-5. T William
4 0094 A BREZZE 18 (C.F) D Morres 8-13. N.D.
5 336 HONOURABLE 30. With 8-13. J Gont
5 0-12 MGRIT CHONEUS 8 (D.G) 8 Refusent 8-13. M Foots
6 0-10 MGRIT CHONEUS 8 (D.G) 8 Refusent 8-13. M Foots
7 5324 INTERDEPAM 8 (F) R Hammon 8-4. K Dark
8 0-045 REGRYT WIN 17 P Walwyn 8-2. S Sande
9 00-4 PALDOST 15 M Hammon 7-12. Dafe Gloss 22.7 (42. 1111 4yu) (1) Tuthers)

1 5024 GOLDEN THENDERBOLT 3 N Trider 4-9-2 JWnswer 10

2 1500 PLEASURE TRICK 20 (CDF, 5) E noise 5-9-2 Km Tuther 9

3 0-45 WHITTLE ROCK 14 (F.5) Mrs M Reveloy 4-9-2 A Column 9

4 301 EOUERRY 245 (CDF, 5) Most 8-8-13 Flynch (3) 1

5 2156 RAMBO WALTER 31 (D.F, 6, 5) D Medals 5-8-13 km White (5) 4

6 001- SCARABER 197 (CDF, 5), 5) S bettered 9-9-13 J Short 3

7 00-0 BOWCLIFF 19 (JF, 5) E Align 6-9-1 J Flynch (3) 1

8 0-40 MONEGRETT 15 (D.6) J White 6-9-1 S Sangles 8

9 1086 FRIST SOLD 7 (R.6) J White 6-9-1 S Duther 6

10 0050 MLETRAN CITY 22 (V.5) J Shey 4-9-5 K Darley 2

11 RISH ME ROT 123 M Betby 4-9-5 County Michael 11

8.30 MICK MICCOY MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£3,223: 1m 4f 8yd) (9)

1 0030 ALMENTARAM 15 (B.F.S) & Lows 5-9-13 Paul Eddary 6
2 620 DALWHSWEE TS3.1/Wazna 4-9-12 & Dader 6-9-11 T Williams 7
3 1520 SUMMERVEL SPECINE 9 (D.F.S) D Bader 6-9-11 T Williams 7
4 2010 ROAD RACER 77 (C.S) Mr.J. Rauden 4-9-5 F. Friban 9
5 83-8 PASSING STRANGERS 51 P Harrs 4-9-4 Parish 6
5 15-0 KERNOF-5 C.G.P M Harmsond 4-9-0 F. Lynch (S) 4
7 -404 SAM ROCKETT 17 Mass & Releasy 4-8-2 R Medite (S) 3
8 825/ REPATIVE EDULTY 648 (S) A termad 5-8-0 M Heary (S) 2
9 60-2 JUNGOR REPATIVE SOUTH 5-7-13. P FESSING (S) 7
7-2 Road Rock, 8-1 Passing Starrages, Kernel, 20-7 Regative Equaty

9.00 RACING & THOROUGHBRED BREEDING TRAINING BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O; £3,615; 61) (8) BALLADARA R Harren 9-0 Santas (5-1-0.1. 23,013. 01) (0)

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G MGFT (120PESS 14 B Harbury 9-0 L Herston 5

G-00 SPARICLES HARRY 12 (B) Mess L Sadah 9-0 T Siddel (7) 7

S-POLESH ROMANICE 217 (BR) M Stude 8-9 J. Haid 1

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WELLSPRING D Loder 8-9 K Darley 6

Today's meeting at Haydock Park has been abandoned because of waterlogging. Philip Arkwright, the clerk of the course, is nonetheless hopeful that racing can go ahead tomorrow. "Conditions have improved since yesterday. I am reasonably hopeful, but will inspect again at 8am," he said.

TRABLERS: M Shorte, 8 winners from 34 numbers, 25.5%, B Hannon, 6 trens 30, 20 DS; G Lewis, 3 from 15, 20 DS; Mrs J Ramaden 33 from 178, 18 5%, B Hanbury, 5 from 27, 18 5%, D Loder, 3 from 17, 17.6%, DCKEYS: J Reid, 6 winners from 24 rides, 25 DS; M Hanny, 4 from 19, 21 T%, N Failon, 37 from 190, 19 5%, J Egon, 3 from 16, 18.8%; K Darley, 21 from 180, 11.7%, 6 Parkin, 3 from 27, 11.1%.

Goodwood -Golog: good good to soft in streight 2.10 (fim 1) 1. Behind The Scenes (L. Dettor), 13-2); 2. Rocky Dance (5-1); 3. Good Regulation (4-1 kg/), 9 ran. kl. 21. C Cyzer Tote 55.70; 51.80, 52.40, 51.60. DF: £36.60. Too: £30.70. CSF: £36.80. Good Regulation first-hed first, but after a stewards inquiry was disqualified and placed third.

2.40 (fm 27) 1, Germano (M Hills, 4-1); 2, kmg Alex (5-4 tax); 3, Mediade Militaire (5-1) 10 ran Hd, 334. G Wragg, Tote: 24.90; 27:00, 21:50, 22:50. DF: £3:50. Tho: 29:80. CSF: £8:96.

2.10 [7] 1, Gardje (h. Wright, 4-1 tav); 2, Dancing Image (10-1); 3, Knobbleanezra (11-1) 15 ran, NP. Move With Edes: %1, %2, A Balley, Tole: £4.30; £2.50, £2.0; £4.0; DF. £73.20 Title: ES9.10, CSF: £36.49, Tincast; £380.31 108-26; 2390 31 3-40 (1m 4) 1, Hoh Express (K Darley, 20-1); 2 Vasedictory (11-4 fact; 3, Fluenour-less (7-2); 9 ram kl, 14 i Estéring Totac 211 30; 63-60, 17 70, 17 30 DF: 129 30, 1mr 222.80, CSF: £87 46, Trocast £223 34.

4.10 (1m) 1: Out West (A McCilone, 6-1); 2; Liff Claire (7-1); 3, Miss Riviera (16-1); Belefalka 7-4 fav 9 ran 41, 11, H Cecl. Tole: 98 90; 92:30, 51:80, 92:80. DF: £33 20; 7m; £254 30. CSF, £45-23. 4.5 (5)-1, Hell Yone (G Milliger, 100.30); 2. Willow Dale (3-1 lev); 3. Slolen Kiss (5-1), 9-sa, 5h hd, %I. R Power, 10-4.10 (1.30, £1 60, £1.60 DF, £5.80 Tho C7 40, CSF, £12.22, Incast £43,54... Jackpot not won (pool of £10,515,85 carried forward to Brighten today).
Placepot 271,40. Quedpot £33,80.

Newcastle

2.30 (S) 1. Prince Foley (D McGalfin, 5-1); 2. Occhi Verdi (13-8 tev); 3. Branston Berry (5-1) 8 tan. NR. Angel Hal. Hd. Vk. W. M. Tumez, Tole; 26 30; 51 60; 51.10, 51.40. DF: £5 10 Trior £8.20 CSF: £12.28



3.00 (fm. 4f 93yd) 1, Shediishayes (D McKaown, 11-4); 2, Eagle Carryon (5-2); 3, Lord Hastle (1):-4), Baby Jane 9-4 fev. 4 ran, 4(j. Mr. Mrs M Raveley, Tote, 23.30. DF: £4.60, CSF £9.17

3.30 (6) 1, Lond Smith (D AtcGattin, 3-1); 2, Swoosh (2-1 tav); 3, Bell Dance (10-1). 10 ran, NR: Dierrond Steve NK, sh hd, W G M Turner, Tote: 23.70; 25. 60, 6; 1.40, 5; 80, DF: £4.50, Trio £34.20, CSF: £8.80 4.00 (fm 27 32yd) 1, Merinoriae (W Byan, 2-1); 2, Dream O'l Numi (13-2; 3, Eshaasi (10-11 fay), 5 ran Nk 33-L H Ceoli Tote: E3.00; £1.10, £4.10, DF: £10.20 CSF: £12.92

4.30 (50) 1, Lady Sheriff (T Lucas, 11-10 lay); 2, Ballard Lady (7-2); 3, Chilling (9-1), 10 ran, 194, 194 M W Easterby Toter 170; 5: 10, 5:16, 0:150, DF 22,50 Tito, 24,90, CSF 24,33, Tricast £21,44. 24.90. CSF 24.33. Tricast 221.44.
5.05 (1m 3yd) 1. Rock Island Line (P Roberts, 7-2. Richard Evens's nap); 2. Carlton (3-1): 3. King Uno (12-1). Epic Stand (3-8 lex. 3, 5). J Berry 12 ran. Toter. 53.80; 67 10. 51.60; 24.30. DF125.10. Trico: 535.20. CSF: 512.94. Tricast 2708.19. Epic Stand firshad first, but after a sewerate inquiry was disqualitied and placed less. Placepot £31,80.

Quadpot £5.20. Exeter

Going: good, good to firm in places 2.90 (2m) 2f hotel 1. Paulion (Fi Duravoccy, 7-1): 2. Miramare (9-1): 3. Beyerd (4-1 las/). 12 ran. 2. 11. K Bishop. Tote 28.00: 51.90. 52.70. 21.50. DF 534.80 Trio. 517.90. CSP 260.96.

2.50 (2m 3t 110yd ch) 1, Mr Pleyfull (J Frost, 12-1); 2, Blezze Moniniste (4-1); 3, Courl Massier (14-1), Bools N.Alf.7-4 few 12 sen. Nit, Bl. R Frost, Tole: £14-40; £2.10, £2.50, £5.00, DF: £22.60, Trio: £170.00, CSF: £54.31, Tricast; £630.00. S.P. 154 St. 116 Mark 2007 Dust (J. Outroy, 9-2); 2. Budington Sam. (4-1); 3. Star: Performer (7-2); Faustron 11-4 fax. 5 an. Nr. 251. Miss 14 Kinght Tota: 55.80; 22 00. 62 20 DF 522.50. CSF 520.05.

3.50 (2m 7) 110yd ch) 1, Sentella Boy (R) Dumeody, 11-4); 2, Storminacker (7-4 fav); 3, Kiwl Chastai (12-1) 8 ran NFL Life Peerage, 8, Life, C. Mann. Tote £4 10; £1 30, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £5.30. Tno, £12.10. CSF: £7.84. 4.20 (2m 2t hole) 1, On My Toes (J Frest, 11-1); 2, Fiper's Rock (4-1); 3, Sport Level (10-1); Ecu De Frence 7-2 fav. 12 ran. 41, 141, R Frest, Tote: D520; E130, E350, DF: E18,80 Tito: E115.00. CSF: D69 90, Tricast: £426.20

249 90. Tricast: 1426 20 4.55 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Lord Nitrogen (Mr J I, Liswellyn, 6-1); 2, Lip The Tempo (B-1); 3, Genereux (8-1) Regal Genr 5-2 (av. 8 ran. NR: Stour 10 Speak, Tudor Town: 3/H; hd. 8 Liswellyn, Totar 57/80, 52-60; 52-20, 52-10 DF 556-60 Trior (235, 10, CSF-95) 07, Tricast: 5382-71 Placepot \$2,329.30. Quadrot £245.10.

Wednesday's late details

Newton Abbot Going: good to soft

Going: good to soft 8:10 2m 81 hole) 1, Jenzsoph (G Tormey, 9-4): 2, Peter Monany (S-2): 3, Defendine-resim (S-4 tsu), 4 rsn. Nk, dist. P Hobbs. Total: 2:32.0 DF '53 00. CSF' E'73. 6:40 (3m 2) 110yd ch) 1, Buzz O'The Crowd (Mr D Alexs-Hankey, 14-1); 2, Fight To Win Iso-1): 3, Tom's Genm's Star (25-1) Pres Too Touchy 1-3 lev. 11 ran Dist. 11: Miss A Handel Total: £13.77 £1 80, £5 40, £5.30. DF: £109.30, Thot £225.60 CSF: £465 £3. DF: £109.30. The: £225.60 CSF: £465.63 7,10 (2m 11 hole) 1, Nordic Breeze (A P McCoy, 2-11 isw), 2, Sparking Buck (10-1); 3, Technical More (100-1), 5 ran. 1/41, 211 M Pipe Tote, 130, £120, £120, £120, £120, CSF: £2.62 7,40 (2m 51 110yd ch) 1, Polden Pride (A P McCoy, 2-1); 2, Alte George (100-30); 3, Phaip's Woody (10-11 isw), 3 ran MF: Leofard, 3, 171, G Baldeng Tote (3, 10 DF \$5.00 CSF: £98.60. 25.00 CSP: 30.00 8.10 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Robert's Toy (A P McCoy, 3-1 fav); 2, Finnigan Free (5-1); 3, Another Hubblack (65-1) 9 an 1 M. 299 M Pipe, Tole: 23 60; C1:80, C1:90, E3:90. DF: C15:90 Tric: £44.10 CSF £18.74. 8.40 (2m 11 hole) 1. Blade Of Fortune (Mr. J. 172zand, 15-8); 2. Cooley's Velve (7-2); 3. Mass Souser (10-1). Mystic Hill 11-8 lav. 4. Isn. 1/4], 171. V Greenway, Tota: \$2.60 OF \$2.70 CSF \$7.54

Placepot: £3,040.50. - Quadpot: £30.20. Uttoxeter Going: good to solf

6.25. (2m holie) 1, Single Sourcing (J. Culoty, 6-1); 2, Iown Jamme (6-1); 3, Timidgar (4-6 fav), 9 ran, 3 H, 77. Mass H Knight, Tote: 27.30; 21.80; 21.30; 21.10; DF: 224.40, This: 21.230; CSF, 237.63 224.40, Trio: £12.30, CSP. £37.84 8.65 [3m 110yd hdle) 1. Palace Of Gold (R Supple, 9-1); 2, Mr Crinstie (2-1 fay), 3. Quite A Man (100-30), 8 mn 194, 91, L. Lungo, Tote £5.90; £1.60, £1.50, £1.70 DF £10.00, CSP. £25.83, Tricast, £57.23 CSF-225.83. Tricest. CSF 23
7.25 (3m 21 ctr) 1. 8 propen Lady (R. Durwoody, 15-8 tay); 2, Mr Boston (9-4); 3. Themsal Warnor (5-1) 4 ren. NR. Andoment. Don't Light Up. 6. 251 O Gendusia Tota; C280, DF: 62 40, CSF-69 0M
7.56 (2m hdfs); 1, Striftle A-Pose (Michael Brennan, 6-1); 2, Mudlark (12-1); 3. Witherkay (7-4 tay); 13 ran. NF: Britiplace, Caddy's First, Kalzeni Maggaest Lat. 6; 3M B Lleanthyn. Tota C7 70; CT 90, C3 20; 21 20 DF. C31,80, Tho: E56.30, CSF: E72.33. Tricest: £168.45.

Tricast £168.45 8.25 (2m 51 ch) 1, Plumbob (R Supple, 11-4; 2, Briginer Shade (11-4), 3, With Imp-undy (9-4 tan), 7 ran, Hd, 15t, L Lungo, Tota: £3.80; £1.80, £2.30 DF £4.50 CSF; £10 18 8.55 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) f, Morpheus (R. Johnson, 2-1), 2; Bullens Bey (14-1), 3, Rythm Rock (13-8 lay) 11 ran 14f, 14E, Mictolson Tolar (23.00, C1.30, C3.50, C1.10 DF: £15.00; Trio: 27.40, CSF: £25.41. Oyadpot 98.90

7.45 BROADWAYS STAMPINGS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE 6.20 Wise King. 6.45 Fortunes Course, 7.15 Salmon Breeze, 7.45 Gems Lad. 8.15 Mill O'The Rags. 8.45 15P2 CARDWAL RULE 28 (G.S) Mass V Williams 8-11-10

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١	2	-R35	PERSIAN VIEW 13 (D.G.S) N Balley 7-11-10	A Tho
ı	3	PF35	COUNTRY STORE 16 (D.BF.S) A P Lone: 8-11-8_	SW
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Jenkins to engineer more glory

Andrew Longmore on the driving force

behind the Stewart team's flying start

Tith ten laps to go in the Monaco Grand Prix. visitors to the pitlane garage of the Stewart grand prix team would have been greeted by a strange sight. A row of engineers lined up with their backs to the computer screens on which every agonising detail of Ru-bens Barrichello's historic drive was being laid bare.

It smacked of the laconic humour of A J. Alan Jenkins, the technical director of Stewart Racing, who has John Lennon glasses and a benign. professorial, air. There was nothing more they could do, so why, thought Jenkins, tear themselves apart waiting for the oil pressure to blow. Better to look the other way. "We only lasted two seconds, then we had to turn round and warch again." Jenkins said.

And when the Brazilian crossed the finishing line and Jackie Stewart and son Paul added their tears to the rain and danced an impromptu jig outside. Jenkins stroked his greying beard and thought that yes, second place in only their fifth grand prix was quite nice and wondered whether he could catch the early flight home. Typical engineer, that.

They all accused me of being a real misery. It sounds corny. I know, but I was really just thrilled for everyone else. It was only when I sat at home with my wife that I thought: 'Christ, that was good, wasn't it?' The accent still has traces of his native Liverpool, though he now lives on a farm in Buckinghamshire. As he talks, he wipes imaginary crumbs off his desk, the one outward glimpse of a meticulous mind.

This weekend, at the Spanish Grand Prix in Barcelona, it will be back to business as usual for Jenkins and his team but with a difference. At Monaco, their motorhome was banished to Alcatraz, the multi-storey car park reserved juniors. Not only can they hold their heads high down the pit-lane now, for the first time they are not flying blind. The team practised at the Circuit de Catalunya in February and have some data to prove it, which marks another

little step forward. In a team's first season, a designer can easily succumb to a sense of isolation. Being the only one working until ium before race day, again, Being the only one to arrive at

ENGLAND mee: Sweden in

the Sudirman Cup world team

championships in Glasgow

today knowing that they must win to retain a place in the top

group of six nations. They lest

+1 to South Korea, the former

champions, on Wednesday

night, but were given some

hope by an outstanding per-

formance from Darren Hall

The former European champion was playing in his

first significant tournament

since an Achilles injury kept

him out of action for three

months, but still recorded the

English player for five years to

the races early. Looking nervously around at the airport to see if everyone else has spare parts strapped to their suitcases and a £2,000 bill for

excess haggage. Having a blank computer screen, a host of ideas and 3,000 parts of a jigsaw to fit together is a peculiarly heavyweight kind of freedom. The designer of a new Formula One car has no one else to blame. In Australia, for the opening race of the season. Jenkins had three hours sleep in three days. Not until two races later, in Argentina, could he afford the time to look

It has been a meteoric rise. Jenkins began in March 1996 with nothing but a hefty sheaf of regulations and some intpressive mileage, with McLaren, Penske and Footwork, on his CV. By December 10, his first car was ready for launch. There was no time for pencil and paper. The whole car was designed on computer, a first for Formula One.

s the car turned its first wheel at 5am on the morning of the launch, almost every one of the 60-strong workforce was there to applaud. The car reflected the man himself neat, workmanlike, unfussy. More importantly, it proved competitive straight out of the box, a feat of engineering that only designers and drivers can fully appreciate. Jenkins said that the car gave him a good feeling: Barrichello was noticeably cheered, even after a handful of laps in the rain at

Silverstone last Christmas. The legacy of Monaco will be heightened expectation, as Jenkins is all too aware. The car has yet to finish a race at full throttle and the long straight and sweeping turns in Spain will not be ideal for the underpowered Stewart-Fords. All that can wait. Last Friday. at the Milton Keynes headquarters of the team, the celebrations were still in full flow and the mood was euphoric. At Monaco, in the shop window of Formula One. Stewart had posed and performed with the best.

"The team is coming together as a proper team," Jenkins said. "Monao) made others respect us and gave us a lot of confidence. We now just have to keep chipping away with the odd point here and there."

BADMINTON

Hall offers hope ahead of vital tie

heat Park Sung-Woo, the

world championships' silver

Hall saved five game points in a display full of smooth

movement, silken net shots

and well- disguised over-

heads, whether dropped or

smashed. It brought the match scores level at 1-1, but

his team-mates were unable to

Julia Mann could win only ix points in her defeat by Kim.

Ji-Hyun, an Olympic semi-

finalist, and Simon Archer

and Chris Hunt were also

beaten in straight games by Ha Tae-Kwon and Kang

build on his endeavours.

medal-winner, 15-S, 17-15.



José María Olazábal plays his second shot at the 1st hole during the pro-am event on the eve of the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth yesterday

Hudson clears two hurdles

By Patricia Davies

thanks to a couple of ropey

iron shots by Simpson, who

was fighting a migraine, to go

two holes up. Annoyed with

herself, Simpson struck an

immaculate eight-iron to four

feet at the 13th and was

conceded a birdle two when

Egford three-putted.

REBECCA HUDSON, the leading qualifier, from Yorkshire, disposed of two doughty opponents, in Marilyn Henderson and Fiona Brown, to make her way into the third round of the English women's amateur championship at Saunton yesterday. Hudson now meets Elaine Ratcliffe, a fellow England international, who beat Emma Duggleby, the former British champion from the Malton and Norton club, by 3 and 2

In two epic battles on a chilly, grey afternoon, Kate Egford and Kim Rostron. winner of the Helen Holm at Troon in April, scraped through at the 20th against

Lynda Simpson and Chice Ritson respectively. Simpson, nee Moore, who played in the Curtis Cup at St Pierre in 1980, has been Cor-

nish champion for the past

Kyung-Jin, the Ali-England

men's doubles champions.

Archer and Julie Bradbury

pushed Kim Dong-Moon and Ra Kyung-Min, the best

mixed doubles pair in the

world, all the way before losing 15-13, 15-11, and Brad-

bury and Donna Kellegg then

Steve Baddeley, the team

manager, was nevertheless optimistic. "His performance

was exceptional. Baddeley

said of Hall. "We are only one

notch behind world forces like

Korea and China. We are

probably slight favourites against Sweden.

lost in the women's doubles.

three years and decided to five-footer for her par four at make a return to the national the last, where Egford put the fairways at an event so close to lapse at the 16th out of her mind and rolled home a threehome. Egford, who lectures in sports science at Preston Coll-Two unsuspecting men. ege, won the 11th and 12th,

who had just driven off, were cleared out of the way and the battle continued. The 19th was halved in par fours before Egford birdied the 20th, to end the suffering of the freezing

Rostron, who had never previously played Ritson, a county colleague, was pushed all the way by the 18-year-old from Ormskirk. Two holes down with two to play, Ritson, a bit of an escape artist, squared the match with successive threes, but at the

She squared the match at the 16th, where Egiord missed a putt of burely three feet, and 20th, however, the strain told. She duck-hooked her second Simpson stayed level by holing from eight feet for a half in shot into thick rough and Rostron won the match with a par threes at the tough 17th. Then she sank a nerve-racking

WORD-WATCHING

DAVACH

(c) An ancient Scottish measure of land, consisting in the east of Scotland of 4 ploughgates, each of 8 oxgangs. In the west it was divided into 20 pennylands. It is said to have averaged 416 acres, but its entent probably varied with the quality of the land. The conjectured derivation from damh an ox is erroneous. The word comes from the Old Irish dabach a vat or tub used as a mea of corn.

(a) A long two-handed sword used from the 15th to the 17th centuries. A Continental elaymore. The augmentative of the Spanish espada a sword. "The horseman's huge espadon of six feet long."

DANTE
(a) Some African quadruped. From the Italian. Florio, 1598, first described it: "A kind of great wilde beast in Affrike having a very hard skin." The Spanish settlers in South America called the American tapir a dante, by transferred use. "Buffles and Dantes (of whose hard skins they make all their targets) range in herds up and down the woods."

E'NROUGH
(b) To make (the sea) rough. Browning, Sordello, 1840: "He snuffs/ The aroused hurrican, ere it enroughs/ The sea."

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Sitcom Weekend: Savour a feast of classic comedy dished up this weekend

Poetry on the underground

TELEVISION CHOICE

Dashing round London as if he had a train to catch, Nigel Planer presents a chummy intro-duction to the life and works of William Blake. Eventually Planer does catch a train, and the footage of his Tube ride provides an unlikely but effective counterpoint to his subject's most famous poem. The Tyger. Most famous, that is, if you discount Jerusulem, which is relegated to a tail-piece. But Planer covers a lot in a short time and a programme intended for schools stands as an intel igent and accessible briefing for adults as well. While Planer establishes Blake as a loner, and a while Planer established black as a well as civil-the Scottish poet Lz Lochhead teases out the mean-ings in Blake's verse. The other films in the series are a study of Seamus Henney and a self-portrait by the Caribbean-born poet, Grace Nichols.

Visions of Spowdonia: The Birdaran BBC2; 8.00pm

If there is one thing that stirs the normally placed lolo Williams to anger, it is people who steal eggs from birds' nests. Destroying the habitats of birds by putting land under forestry comes a close second. Williams is a warden for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and Showdoria is his patch. No endangered species could have a more passionate champion. One of his favourite birds is the hen harrier, but numbers are dwindling. The black grouse is another declining species. Meanwhile the egg thieves are doing their worst. Birds of prey have been badly hit and Williams is watching a chough's nest that has been robbed two years in a row. He says he cannot understand the mentality of people who do it. His other comments are more forthright.

[[V, 8.30pm

Alan Whiting's romantic comedy continues to make the most of a simple formula. The holiday romance which began for Greg (Neil Pearson) and Lucy (Joanna Roth) on Crete has gone on hold now that the couple are back in England and living 250 miles apart. Even when they do try to meet, you can bet that something will go wrong at the last

Portrait of William Blake (BBC2, noon)

minute. It was shrewd of Whiting to make Greg a detective. It is an axiom of television drama (and. perhaps; of real life as well) that a police officer is never allowed to be off duty. He can hardly sit down to a meal, let alone conduct a love affair with somebody on the other side of the country, before the blieper summons him back to the nick. Poor Joanna is going to have to get used to it. She could, of course, ditch Greg and find herself a more accessible boylriend. But that would be the end of

Channel 4:9.00pm

Chainel 4:9.00pm

There are suggestions that one of Michael Jackson's first acts as the new head of Channel 4 will be to cut down on American imports in favour of more home grown material. But if Jackson starts dropping American sitioans there is no guarantee, given the present dire state of the genre in Britain, that he will find anything on this side of the Atlantic to take their place. Cybill and its like seem safe, for a while at least. Now entering its third series, the show slips down easily enough but continues to promise rather than deliver. You feel there should more to extract from the dilemmas of a fortyish single mother trying to juggle career, a fortyish single mother trying to juggle career, children and former husbands than smart one-liners. But the parallels between the fictional heroine and Cybill Shepherd, the actress who plays her, continue to intrigue. Peter Waymark

Music for brass instruments receives surprisingly little exposure given that Britain has such a fine tradition in the genre. The tradition is so entrenched that for all the colliery closures in the past decade, the colliery band is often the only thing staviving from the days when coal was king. The focus tonight is on soloists, featuring eight of the rising stars in brass music; it is heartening that so many young people are taking to this musical form. Sheona White, a Radio 2 Young Musician winner, plays two tenor horn solos. Richard

winner, plays two tenor horn solos. Richard Marshall, principal cornet with the Grimethorpe

Colliery Band, plays The Debutante by Herbert Clarke. The accompaniment is provided by Salford University Brass Band. Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

All litries in BST. News on the hour. 6,00cm Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 The World Today 7.20 Pick of the World 8.16 Off-the Shell 8.30 Neusic Review 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Performance 9.30 John Pael 10.05 Business 10.15 Box 9.15 Performance 9.30 John Pael 10.05 Business 10.15 Box 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sport 11.30 Assignment 12.30pm Focus on Feith 1.05 Business 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Visions of Reelity 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshors 3.05 Cultook 3.30 Multimatic Allermethe 4.05 Footbell Edna 4.15 Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.15 The World Today 6.30 News

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Brass Showcase: Talent 2000

Radio 2. 9.30pm

RADIO CHOICE

Radio 4, 8-50pm

A new series of the programme that consistently pulls off the difficult trick of being essential istening for lawyers and accessible to mere mortals. Marcel Berlins helps make the programme what it is by cutting through the mumbo-jumbo of law with the result that the mealy-mouthed are liable to be given short shrift. Berlins has been to America for tonight's programme, which looks at the increasing number of smokers bringing class actions against the tobacco industry. There are clear lessons for Britain but there is also the issue of whether manufacturers of other products could find themselves being sued.
The rest of this American edition covers the
Supreme Court and jury selection.

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Raddiffe 9.00 Simon Mayo 12:00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Campbell, Includes Altermon Loveleat 4.00 Kevin Greaning 6.15 Newabeel 6.30 Pets Tong — Essential Selection 10.00 Stone Free Dence Edwaregenza 3.00am

RADIO 2

6.00mm Serah Kennedy 7.30 Waise Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Diene Louise Jorden 3.00. Ed Sewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night Live from the Bridgewater bell, Manchester 9.15 Lest Orders (7/6) 9.30 Brass Showcass: Jacques Loussier Trio 12.05am Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00mm Morning Reports 8.00 The Breakfast Programme 9.90 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00 Ruscoe on Riva 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwids 7.00 News Edita 7.20 Friday Sport. Features coverage of all of tonight's Super League action including Bradford v Oldham and Wigan v Castelood 10.00 Paper Talk 11.00 News Edita 12.00 Alter Houss with Alan Beswick 2.00mm Up Ali Night with Richard Deliyn

TALK RADIO

5.00mm Chris Ashley and Sendy Wart 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Loarsine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivetime, with Peter Dealey 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00em Ian Collins

Sport 12.05em Outlook 12.30 Maistirack: Alternative 1.30 From the Weskiss: 1.45 Edizin: Today 2.30 The Streets of London 3.30 People and Politics 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Westernd 4.45 Off the Shelf-5.00 Outlook 5.45 Music Brief

CLASSIC FM 4.00mm Mark Griffiths 7.00 Miles Read 9.00 Hall of Fame Hour 16.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jamis Crick 7.00 Newenight 7.30 Sonsta 8.00 Evening Concert. Rossin (The Thieving Maggie, Overtime); Wozart (Pute 8. Harp Concerto in G major (229) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00mm Concerto (r)

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6.00mm On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Rossini, arr Respighi (La Boutique Fantasque); Rosetti (String Quartet. Op 6 No 1); Mozart (Rondo in A minor, K511), Debussy (Violin Sonatta in G minor); Bonporti (Invenzione terza in F); Falla (Mazurka in C minor, Serenatat Andaluza); Barber (Knowiter, Summer of 1915) 9.00 Moraing Collection, with Catriona Young, Includes Locatelli (Concerto Grosso in E fiss, Op 7 No 6. Il Pianto ti Arianna); Elger (Piano Quintet in A minor, Op 84)

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10.00 Riusical Encounters. From the Beth International Music Festival. The Vellinger Quartet plays chamber music by Haydn and Schumerin, and lan Patridge, benor, accompanied by Jenniter Partidge, performs music by Purcell, Brahms, Smiten and John Jeffreys.

12.00 Composer of the Westc Hendel

1.00pm Nesss; Chamber Music from Manchester.
Live from Cheffram's School of Music, Palledian Ensemble: Pamela Thorby, records, Rachel Podger, violin, Susan Heimich, viola de gambe, William Carter, theodo-guitar, Castello Gonately; Schmeizer (Sonata No 7, Duodens Selectarum Sonatarum), Rebel (Violin Sonata No 3 in Aminor), Marais (Pieces de viol); Oriz (Prelude, Recercada Segunda); Mettels (Sett of Ayres)

2.00 Private Passions. Michael Beriesley talies to the conductor Paul Daniel whose musical choices include David Bowis, Rodgers and Hemmerstein, Bach, Bestrover, Schubett and Mucheverd (r)

3.00 Mitriag the Archive. Piers Burton-Page introduces a programme of Berlioz recordings performed by the Royal Phillemmonic Chorus and Orchestra under Thomas Beacharn, and the EBC Symphony Orchestra under Hernition Harty

5.00 Massic Machine, with Verity Sharp 5.15 in Tune. Andrew Green is joined by sopreno Bisabeth Soderstorn. Includes Rossini (Overture: The Silven Ladder); Veughan Williams (Silent Noon); Saint-Seans (Cello Concerto No 1 in A

7.30 PBC National Orchastra of Wales, under Tadaald Otales, Balta Davidovich, piano. Schumann (Piano Concerto in Aminor); Bruckner

Tadasid Otales, Bella Davidovich, piano.
Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor); Bruckner (Symphony No 7)

9.20 Yeung ladiana, in the last of his conversations with young Indian authors, Noah Richier tails to the prizewinning novelist Shash Theroor about his fiction and impending history of tridia since independence.

9.45 Shura Cherlmasky. Short pieces from the pianist's repetione of encores, including Monton Gauld's Boogle-Woogle Blade ()

10.00 Hear and Now. Stephen Pratt presents a special edition from Cherlman School of Music, Manchester, celebrating the 50th britiday of the composer and double-bass virtuoso Berry Guy, Johining in are the Apollo-Secophone Quartet and the Goldiesg Ensemble who play some of Guy's compositions, includes Michael Torke (July); Barry Guy (Mobile Herbareum, first broadcast; The Bird of Intinky. Piegwalk; Django Bates (Travel Carton's for the Bird.); Piers Hellawell (Sound Carvings from the Wester's Edge, first broadcast)

11.30 Composer of the Weste Lehar (r)

12.30em Jacz & is Lee, Mel Hill presents the first of a Josephan Series exploring the field and work of the legendary singer Peggy Lee (r)

1.00 Through the Night, with Consid Macleod. Includes 1.00 Bach 2.00 Mozert 4.40 Royal Concernedoux Orchestra 6.00 Sequence

4.45 Short Story: You Can Hear the Boats Go By,

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing
6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, includes Thought for the Day 8.40.
Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Littley
tales to the correction Hainy Enfalled (s)
9.45 The Truth is Our Currency. The second of four
programmes about television ness presented by
the former BBC corresponders Maries BBL This
week he looks at the conduct of war monotons and

k he looks at the conduct of wax reporters and the television companies that employ them " Nears; A Dance Called America, The historian James Hurder traces the origins of the transatiantic emigration from the Scotlish Highlands. This week he visits Glengary County in

Ontano, Canada (2/5)

10,30 Yeanan's Hour, with Sylvia Florr Includes a look at information technology in the musery

11,30 The Natural History Programme, Presented by

Joanna Pirrock

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whiteler

12.25pm Food Programme. Natale Wheen goes back to Hong Kong, the city of her childhood; to sample some of the many customy delights on offer 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clader

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Classic Serial: Messinekt Park. The first of Elizabeth Froud's three-past dramatisation of the novel by Jane Austen. With Hermath Gordon and Amanda Root (r)

3.00 News; The Attentions Shift, with Lauria Taylor.

4.00 News; 4.05 Kelekloscope, Paul Allen apperiences Titus Andronicus through the National Theetire of Craova, Romania, and Jooks at a new theatre project in Newcastie.

4.45 Short Story: You Can Hear the Boats Go By, Written and read by Emily Perkins
5.00 PM, with Chartie Lee-Potter and Chris Lowe 5.50 Shapping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Str. O'Clock News
6.30 Growing Spaces. Denis and Edna Heatey show of their Sussex garden: Pius Devid Stevens explores the work of the celebrated Scotlish architect Sk Robert Loriner
7.00 News 7.05 The Archess
7.20 Pick of the Week. Chris Serie presents his selection of enthact from BBC radio and television.
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbistry chains the lopical debete from Cannock, Staffordshire, with panellists Edwins Curie, Mex Hastings, Margaret Hodge, MP, and Professor Ben Pinliott
8.50 Law in Action. See Choice
9.15 Laster from America, by Affectir Cooke
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ways in which artists using different media work with memory (r)

10.00 The World Touight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedifine: The Grass is Singing, by Doris Lessing. Read by Janet Suzman (10/10) (r)

11.00 Week Ending. A special show recorded in front of a studio sudience as part of BBC-Redo's Music Live 97 festival from Manchester. Toby Longworth returns with Sally Grace. Dave Lamb and Jon Glover.

11.25 Fourth Column. A quizzical look at the presented by Times columnist John Diemond.

11.45 Today in Perflament. A roundup of the day's events in Westmicster.

12.00 News 12.30 The Late Books A White Merc with Fine, by James Hawes (5/6).

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service.

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I had to watch television with nothing on

fond of working the conversation around to television in order to boast that he never watches it. The reason he never watches television is that there is. a ritualistic argument concerning how he knows there is nothing on if he never watches television, andthe mysterious fact that there always seems to be something of my television even if there is nothing on his.

So I hope he will not be reading this piece, because last night there was nothing on television. This is an unpromising admission, 98 words into a column that is supposed to stretch to 950, but I trust you will be sustained by the tension of wondering if I will make it without recourse to what journalists call judicious use of white

My acquantaince often qualifies his statement about there being

nothing on television by saying: "When I say there is nothing on television, I mean ... Similarly, when I say there was nothing on television last night, I mean there. was nothing much beyond part-"never anything on". We then have run series, much-written-about factual programmes and This

Ahal This Life (BBC2) Now there is a lifebelt for a drowning. catic if ever I spotted one on a dull givey sea. This Life is the only soap I have ever watched without missing an episode, or was before the BBC launched the latest series at the maddeningly inconvenient time of 9.30pm. The switch means that I have now missed a couple of episodes, so I have no idea why Egg is working in some sort of charity cafe.

For those who may still be unfamiliar with the show, This Life is about five twenty something lawyers sharing a house, except that one of them, Warren, has gone

off on a world tour and another. the aforesaid Egg, gave up lawyering and became a bit of a layabout.

The other three are Milly, who is a solicitor and Egg's partner, and Anna and Miles, both barristers in the same chambers and on occasion both barristers in the same bed: perhaps one day they will get it all together at work and play and name their house "Bedchambers". Meanwhile, the sexual tension between Anna and Miles is one of the programme's sustaining themes, temporarily eclipsed last night by Milly's Big Decision.

Tould she or would she not agree to go to Paris with her boss, Mr O'Donnell? A business trip, he said, but hey, nobody was believing that. Milly turned him down in the end, but then rushed back to the office to tell O'Donnell she had changed her mind, only to find REVIEW



Peter Barnard

O'Donnell (smooth, or what?) had offered the trip to another woman

on the staff. The thing about This Life is that you can believe it. I do not pretend to know many people in their twenties, nor would I presume to suggest that these are typical. A critic or two has suggested that this lot, with their recreational sex and their recreational drugs, are pretty poor examples. But this is a television show, not a Billy Gra-those who do not suffer from it. But ling", which can remove the scars ham rally.

And, in any event, what actually happens in This Life is only half the point. These are young people feeling their way forward, trying things here and there, taking in this, rejecting that. How else to grow? They could all end up in the next-but-one Blair Cabinet, wing for the leadership as Tony totters off to the (reformed) Lords.

But 581 words on This Life does not a column make, so I turn to Channel 4 for help. Health Alert would be a respectable programme for review even if there was something on the telly, so on a night like last night Health Aiert became a positive beacon of light. even if some of the close-ups on which the light shone were not a pretty sight.

Acne is a condition generally associated with reenagers and often treated with a mixture of ribaldry and outright cruelty by

ache can strike at any time, is not caused by going unwashed (too much washing makes it worse) and science has yet to find a surefire cure.

Health Alert was subtitled My Friends Call Me Pizza-Face - and that is exactly what some of the youngsters in the programme were called by their peers. Michael Hall, now 27 and a sufferer for many years, refused to leave his bedroom at one stage: he felt "branded" by the condition.

ichelle Allen became suicidal and her mother recalled how, each day when she returned to the house, she rushed upstairs to make sure that Michelle was still alive. Such are the consequences of living in a society too impressed by outward appearances. Dr Tony Chu. founder of the Acne Support Group, said that "laser resurfac-

which acree leaves behind, has to be paid for by the patient because it is seen as cosmetic surgery. He is right to imply that the removal of scarring is far different from changing a nose one doesn't happen to like.

BBC3 has been running a 15minute series entitled A Woman Called Smith, whose subjects have nothing in common beyond their surname. Last night it was about Alison Smith, who formed an ambition to become a midwife when the one who attended her admitted she had not had children and therefore had no idea what giving birth was like.

But Alison is torn between careers. She has begun selling erotic lingerie and various associated "toys" which run on batteries She holds parties for groups of women who have a great time playing . . . oh dear. I seem to have run out of space. What a relief,

6.00am Business Breekfast (54014) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (59472) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3704168) 9.20 Style Challenge (6248385) 9.45 Kilroy (7593033) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (26502)

11.00 News (I) Regional News and weather (7344878) 11.05 The Great Escape (7761878) 11.35 Real Rooms A Coventry dining room is

12.00 News (T) and weather (8971149) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (8619255) : 12.35 The Practice Last in series (9050255) 1.00 News (T) and weather (69859) 1.30 Regional News and weather (86394168) 1.40 The Weather Show (99563255)

1.45 Neighbours (40483897) 2.10 Quincy (6222859) 2.55 Through the Keyhole Loyd Grossman snoops around two celebrity homes

James Bond books reveal a surprising amount about antiques expert Paul Viney 3.30 Playdays (8844323) 3.50 Plasmo

(5101410) 3,55 Bodger and Badger (6384588) 4,10 Ace Ventura; Pet Detective (4728507) 4,35 Clerissa Explains It All (1956323) 5,00 Newsround 5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (109526)

6.00 News (1) and weather (965) 6.30 Regional News (217) 7.00 Weekend Watchdog Arne Robinson and the team check out badly organised

golf tournaments (1) (4323) 7.30 Top of the Pops The latest hits, pre-chart sounds and live performances (1) (101) 8.00 X Cara One car is stolen every minute in-Britain. Manchester police have set up a crack undercover squad to tackte the

problem of car theft (r) (T) (8453) asks the questions in the lighthearted quiz as regulars Ally McCoist and John Perrott lead the teams vying for victory (T)

9.00 News (T) and weather (1830) 9.30 indecent Proposal (1993) Penniless architect's wife Demi Moore's has her life turned upside down by billionaire Robert Redford, who offers her \$1 million to spend a night with him. Directed by

Adrian Lyne (566472) 11.25 A Woman Scorned Meredith Baxter stars as a woman who suspects her husband is having an affair. Directed by Dick Lowry (451856) WALES: 11.25 The Gert Escape (298323) 11.55 FILM: A Woman Scorned (424762) 1.25am Fil.M. They're a Weird Mob 678521) 3.10 News headlines and weather (78180569)

12.55am They're a Weird Mob (1966) with Waiter Chiarl and Clare Dunne. Australian comedy centring on the trials and tribulations faced by a young Italian struggling to fit into Sydney's way of life. Directed by Michael Powell (654415)

2.40 Weather (1649540) VideoPius+ and the Video PiusCodes The numbers next to each TV programme listing are Video PlusCode "numbers, which

BBC2 6.00am Open University: Global Firms, Shrinking Worlds (8063323) 6.25 The Question of Sovereignty (7185439)

7.15 News (1) (3425033) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (T) (8647385) 7.55 50/50 (r) (1737743) 8.20 Adventures of the Garden Fairles (3748014) 8.25 Tales of the Tooth Fairies (r) (6950694)

8.35 The Record (3838217) 9.00 The French Experience (3771830) 9.15 The French Collection (568174) 9.45 Watch (7175675) 10.00 Teletubbies (44052) 10.30 Watch: Out (6358323) 10.46 Pathways of Ballet (6353878) 11.00 Look and Read Special (6201033) 11.20 Job Bank (5983120) 11.40 The Geography Programme (4987491)

English File: Poetry Backpack The poetry of William Blake (T) (90656) 12.30pm Working Lunch (50526) 1.00 Job Bank (45524978) 1.10 Job Bank (85311236) 1.20 The Developing World (70116052) 1.45 Words and Pictures (86371217) 2.00 Adventures of the Garden Fairles (3659120) 2.05 Tales of

the Tooth Fairles (r) (30658491) 2.30 International Golf and Women's Tennis Action from the PGA champ ionship at Wentworth and the women's world doubles cup from Craiglockhart, Edinburgh (42186897)

6.45 The Simpsons (1) (262255) 7.10 Great Railway Journeys Chris Bonington is in Canada to travel on the (d) (T) (959675)

Visions of Snowdoniz Features RSP8 officer tolo Williams (T) (8385) 8.30 Gardeners' World Gay Search dis-covers the latest in garden design at the Chelsea Flower Show (1) (3520)



Higson and Whitehouse (9.00pm)

9.00 The Fast Show Comedy sketch show with the award-winning team. Starring Charile Higson and Paul Whitehouse (r)

9.30 Sunnyside Farm Ray, Wendy and Justin join forces in an attempt to stop smitten Kent's marriage of convenience to Conchita. Last in series (T) (30762) 10.00 Have I Got News for You Eve Pollard and Sue Perkins are the guests (T)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (447878) 11.15 Space: Above and Beyond (482101). 12.00 This Life Miles and Egg get a visit from the police (r) (1) (4457453)

12.45am The Premonition: (1992) A high-school student has violent and erotic halkucinetions and is obsessed with her-teacher. When her sinister visions become reality, a lighthearted calebration turns into a black mass. In Swedish with English subtitles (311298) 2.35-2.40 Weather (1622873)

6.00am GMTV (4357526)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (6256304) 9.55 Regional News (3681439) 10.00 The Time, the Place (48878) 10.30 This Morning (62593410) 12.20pm Regional News (1) (8960033)

12.30 News (T) and weather (9046052) 12.55 Our House (r) (9021743) 1.25 Home and Away (1) (70119149) 1.50 Murder, She Wrole (r) (8486743) 2.50 Garden

Calendar (1) (2366781) 3.20 News (T) (6036439) 3.25 Regional News (T) (6028410) 3.30 Rosle and Jim (6389897) 3.40 Skm Pig (7900304) 3.50 Cartoon Time (7906588) 4.00 The Treacle People (T) (7297946) 4.15 Where's Wally? (r) (T) (4712946)

4.40 Crazy Cottage (T) (9121439) 5.10 A Country Practice (7609965) 5.40 News (T) and weather (342304) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (186101) 6.25 HTV Weather (456110) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (385) 7.00 Lucky Numbers (T) (9491)

7.30 Coronation Street Gary and Judy are looks as if Bill and Maureen have reached the end of the road (T) (897) 8.00 The Bill Beech is found beaten unconscious in a deserted alleyway (T,

See You Friday Lucy travels See You Friday Lucy travels to Newcastle, with high hopes of spending some time alone with Greg — but she doesn't bank on his sister Fiona, who has already made alternative



Warriner and Moyer square up (9.00)

9.00 The Grand Wedding bells ring for Marcus, but will be allow marriage to end his pursuit of Sarah? With Mark McGann and Amanda Mealing. Last In series (T) 10.00 News (T) and weather (28439)

10.30 The West Tonight Update (845526) 10.40 Sounds of the West Featuring reggee music and its dub — its studio remix offshoot (724439)

11.15 Frankenstein Unbound (1990) with John Hurl, Raul Julia and Bridget Fonda.

A 21st-century scientist travels back in time to 19th-century Switzerland and comes face to face with Dr Frankenstein. Directed by Roger Corman (466588)

12.40am Bonkers (T) (4918144) 1.40 Club Nation (T) (6809960) 2.40 A French Mistress (1960, b/w) A wry academic spoof with Cecil Parker, Ian Bannen and Agnes Laurent. Directed by Roy Boulting (613540)

4.30 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (r) (86540)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (39144) 5.30 News (22279)

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9021743) 2.50-3.20 Secrets from the Secret Garden

(2366791) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7605965) 6.25-7.00 Central News (484526) 10.40 Film: Stealing Home (99815728) 12.30am Sound Bites (6114873) 12.40 in Bed with MeDinner (5478618; 2.10 Baywatch (6422811) 3.00 Cyber Cafe (49049076) 3.25 Helter Sketter (1423057)

WESTCOUNTRY

4.15 Central Jobfinder '97 (9637057)

5,20 Asian Eye (8773347)

As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 illuminations (8960033) 12.55 Home and Away (9021743) 1.25 Wish You Were Here? (22947675) 1.55 Blue Heelers (8494762) 2.50-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (2366781) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7609965)

10.40 Film: Loverboy (55121830) MERIDIAN

6.00-7:00 Westcountry Live (22743)

As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9021743) 1.55 Michael Barry's Undiscovered Cooks

(40458101) 2.25-3.20 Murder, She Wrote (7994385) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7609965) 6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (22743) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (836878) 10.45 Highlander (921255) 11.40 Wiseguy (848743) 5.00am Freescreen (39144)

ANGLIA

12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9021743) 1,55 Murder, She Wrote (8494762) 2.50-3.20 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7609965) 6.23 Anolfa Weather (501269) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (484526) 10.40 There's Only One Barry Fry (912507) 11.40 Beadje Late (266255)

12.10am Alfred Hitchcock Presents (2393960)

S4C Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (70052) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (75410) 9.00 Bewitched (26548) 9.30 Ysgolion (878526) 12.00 Australia Wild (18052) 12.30pm Ricki Lake (45694) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (39229584) 1.15 Slot Synladau Sali (34279089) 1.30 Film: The Coldiz Story (94737120) 3.15 Small Talk (9990474) 3.30 Moving People (491) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (526) 4.30 Health Alert (410) 5.00 5 Pump (7897) 5.30 Countdown (762) 6.00 Newyddion (700830) 6.05 Heno (104507) 6.35 Sion a Sian (256912) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (207588) 7-25 Hong Kong Pwy (589565) 8.00 Diion Ddoe (6781) 8.30 Newyddion (2589) 9.00 To the Ends of the Earth: The Wrecks of the Condor Reef (4410) 10.00 Brookside (19781) 10.30 Phil Kay Feels (726897) 11.55 Eurotrash (292410) 11.35 TFI Friday (137453) 12.40am Robin (9450960) 12.45 Film: Theatre of Blood (133347) 2.40 Film: The

House in Nightmare Park (879279) 4.20-5.35

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12.00 Garden Party (i) (T) (18052) 12.30pm Light Lunch (31120) 1.30 Pat and Mike, blowed by Garage Door Animation :20220033:

1.50 Train of Events (1949, b/w) with Jack Warner and Susan Shaw Four stories about different people involved in the crash of the night train from Euston to Everpool Directed by Sidney Colem, Charles Crichton and Basil Dearden (T)

Lynam (20385) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (955859) 7.50 Soak it Up (r) (T) (906507)

8.00 Garden Party This week the experts are in the coltage garden of The Marsh, by the River Lugg in Herefordshire (T) (6781) 8.30 Brookside (T) (2588)



Shepherd and Baranski (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE Cybill: Bringing Home The Bacon The start of a new series (T) (4168) 9.30 Spin City: Striptease Michael discovers that his new girlfriend is paying her way

10 00 Frasian Reloved Infide! Fraser and common (r) (T) (19781)

10.30 Phil Kay Feels ... Wet The comedian

12.35am Robin (9460347) 12.40 Theatre of Blood (1973) with Vincent

2.30 Soak It Up (r) (T) (6652095) 2.40 The House in Nightmare Park (1973). A Cornedy horror with Frankie Howerd and Ray Milland. Directed by Peter Sykes (T)

(1937, b/w) with Tod Slaughter as an evil squire Directed by David MacDonald

You? (T) (878526)

3.25 Soak It Up (1) (T) (6026052) 3.30 Moving People in (T) (491) 4.00 Fitteen-to-One (T) (526) 4.30 Countdown (T) (410) 5.00 Countdown: The 2,000th Edition (T) (7897) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (762)

6.00 TFI Friday Among the guests is Des

through law school by working as a stripper (T) (25830) Martin discover they have something in

finds himself marooned on a desert island Last in series (T) (726897) 11.05 Eurotrash (292410) 11.35 TFI Friday (r) (847014)

Price as a Shakespearean actor who wreaks revenge on the critics who refused to give him an award. Directed by Douglas Hickox (307095)

(879279) 4.20-6.00 it's Never Too Late to Mend CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (8460255)

7.30 Havakazoo (5215675) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8165897) 8.30 WideWorld (8164168)

9.00 Espresso (2195120) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (7772032) **10.30** Nancy Lam (r) (8144304) 11.00 Leeza (9811304) 11.50 Double Espresso (34112694) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (1) (8135656) 12.30pm Family Atlans (r) (T) (4247675) 1.00 News Update (49563694) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (3224217) 2.00 5's



3.30 His Girl Friday (1940, b/w) Classic romantic cornedy with Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell, directed by Howard

5.20 5's Company Late Extra (35001217)

5.30 100 Per Cent (9917897) 6.00 Whittle (T) (9907410) 6.30 Family Affairs (T) (9998762)

7.00 Exclusive (9363453) 7.30 Wildlife SOS The team rescue a Canada Goose entangled in a fishing line, and a badger trapped in a warlime air-raid shelter. Plus delightful lootage of fox

clubs with their mother (T) (9994946) 8.00 Attractions with Tim Vincent (3968061) 8.30 5 News (8343366) 9.00 Against Their Will (1994) with Judith

Light, Stacy Keach and Kay Lenz A woman's suffering at the hands of the US justice system. Directed by Karen Arthur (90074149) 10.50 Exclusive Extra (r) (4213897)

11.00 Jack Docherty Show (5560472) 11.40 Club Class Comedy (5971781) 12.10am News and Sport (6310521) 12.15 Contessions of a Pop Performer (1975) with Robin Askwith, Anthony Booth and Bill Maynard The second in

the bawdy comedy senes directed by Norman Cohen (1495637) 1.55 Blind Judgement: Seduction in Travis
County (1991) with Peter Coyote, Leslie
Ann Warren and Jean Smart Thriller
about a successful lawyer whose life is turned upside down when he takes on a client accused of murder. Directed by George Kaczender (1523453) 3.35 Burke's Law (6104588)

4.25 The Road Country music (24376743) 4,40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4802873) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2150057)

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SKY 1 6.00am Morning Glory (251120) 9.00 Register Rathe Lee (24385) 10.00 Another World (16781) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (63007) 12.00 Oprah Winning (66885) 1.00 Sally Jessy (74686) 2.00 Sar Treit, The Need Generation (1878) 5.00 Sar Treit, The Need Generation (1878) 6.00 Real IV (4830) 9.30 Memed — with Children (8410) 7.00 The Surpsons (2507) 7.30 MrAS-TH (4664) 8.00 JAG (27236) 9.00 Wallest, Loss Renger (44912) 10.00 High Incolart (17859) 11.00 Ster Treit, The Need Generation (17410) 12.00 Arrientes Dumbes (27360) 10.00 High Incolart (17859) 11.00 Ster Treit, The Need Generation (17410) 12.00 Arrientes Dumbes (27360) 10.00 High Incolart (17859) 11.00 Ster Treit, The Need Generation (17410) 12.00 Arrientes Dumbes (27360) 10.00 High High Incolart (17859) 11.00 Ster Treit, The Need Generation (17410) 10.00 High High Incolart (17859) 11.00 Ster Treit, The Need Generation (17410) 10.00 Arrientes Dumbes (28969) 1.00 High High Incolart (18969) 1.00 High Incolart (18969)

7.00pm Superboy (3947762) 7.30 Superboy (3734304) 8.00 Hercules: The Supertoy (3734304) 8.00 Hercules: The Legendary Journey (7565762) 9.00 Pacific Drive (796526) 10,00 Tales from the Crypt (2078859) 10,30 Tales from the Crypt (2087507) 11,00 Late Show (4806159)

SKY NEWS Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES 6.10em Season of Change (1994) (45018491) 7:50 The Slipper and the Rose (1976) (92826659) 10.15 Red (1986) (83426830) 12.00 Seeson of (1988) (83428333) 12.00 Segmon of Change (1993) (73568) 2.00pm Phrase IV (1973) (85782) 2.30 Runching Free (1994) (50897) 5.00 The Magic of the Golden Bear (1995) (46854) 7.00 Wagons Eard PG (1996) (13694) 9.00 To Die For (1995) (15691) 1.00 Hostage Filight (1965) (557410) 12.45mm The Mangler (1994) (298873) 2.30 Westling Ernest Hemitigary (1996) 177779 A 50 Table Hemitigary (1996) 177779 A 50 Table Hemitigary (1996) way (1996) (47279) 4.30 Red (1986) (85927)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

2.00pm The Other Mother (1905) (22781) 4.00 Jim's Gift (1934) (7052) 6.00 Little Miles Millions (1992) (32304) 7.30 LIX Top Miss Millione (1982) (32304) 7:30 IN Top 10 (7304) 8.00 Legacy of Sir: The Williams Colt Jan. 8007 (7997) 10.00 Dr Jekyd and Mis Hyde. (1994) (335149) 11.25 Wyett Eurp. (1994) (25294174) 2.45em it Was Him of the (1995) (40943) 4.25 Shertock Holmas and the Besker-SKY MOVIES GOLD 6.00pm Surset Boulevard (1950) (2673655) 6.00 Running Scared (1995) (2673101) 10.00 Hearthreak Hidge (1985) (21817743) 12.15em Thank God

(1986) (2161745) 12.75 Paths of the Pricing (1978) (8257705) 1.45 Paths of Glory (1957) (6245360) 3.15-5.20 The Tressure of the Sterra Madre (1948) 8.00pm WCW Mitro (37115676) 9.00 Somebody Up There Litten Me (1956) (3718762) 11.00 Heart of Derkness (1994) (56445762) 12.50am The Beast with Thee Fingers (1946) (30440502) 2.29-5.00 Somebody Up There Likes Me

SKY SPORTS 1 7.00am Sports Centre (\$3236) 7.30 Wresting: Supersiam (\$6965) 8.30 Racing News (\$6236) 9.00 Powerboat and Jelski World (\$7588) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Syle (77726) 10.00 Trans World Sport (\$1256) 11.00 Formula: Three Racing (41491) 12.00 Aerobics Oz Syle (\$0062) 12.300m Super (\$2062) 2.300 Sielf Saleng (1385) 3.00 Year of the Glant-Glers 1986-1997 (\$2064) 4.90 Stories Cartine (\$118946) 5.00 3.00 Year of the Glant-Rights 1995-1997 (36304) 4.50 Sports Centre (61 1844) 5.00 Sports Centre (61 1844) 5.00 Sports Centre (7217) 5.30 Llors on Tour (5101) 6.00 Sports Centre (89675) 7.00 Live Super League (896955) 9.29 Sports Centre (202149) 9.20 Llors on Tour (84120) 10.00 Sports Centre (8743) 11.00 Hold the Back Page (30556) 12.00 Australian Fules Footbal (33008) 2.00am Wresting: Raw (49705) 4.00-5.00 Sports Centre (10637) (49705) 4.00-5.00 Sports Centre (10637)

SKY SPORTS 2 8.00pm End Zone (142958) 9.00 Footbell League: Road to the Play-Offs (1432052)-10.00 Wrestling: Flaw (5758149) 12.00-1.00am Road to the Play-Offs (3230163)

SKY SPORTS 3

US Golf The Colonial (853/7014) 5.00 Editerns (802/6588) 5.30 Powerboat and Jetsid World (233/5491) 5.00 Steff Saling (233/2304) 6.30 The Winning Post (731/24507) 9.00 Live US Golf (37110720) EUROSPORT -

7.30am Sailing (87/439) 8.00 Gymnastros (38439) 10.00 Modern Pentstition (31526) 10.30 Motor Sport (71168) 11.00 Motorsports (43689) 12.00 IndyCar (85659) 1.00pm Mouritain Bille (17675) 1.30 Mera-tron (96323) 2.00 Mential Arts (62323) 4.00 Terms (32694) 8.30 Live Weightiting (86978) 6.30 Bodybuiding (1762) 7.00 Live Weightiffling (86168) 9.00 Darts (63052) 10.00 IndyCar (73/439) 11.00 Terms (48255) 11.30 Weightiffling (45052) UK GOLD UK GOLD

7.00am Tellystack (8852149) 7.35 Neighbours (8246472) 8.00 Crossrpads (8958385) 8.26 EastEnders (4424410) 8.00 The Bill (7833217) 8.30 You're Only Young The Bal (7833217) 9.30 You're Only Young Twice (4070149) 10.00 Spring and Autumn (4010120) 10.30 The Sulfivans (7822101) 11.00 Casualty [64872061) 12.05pm Crossroads (66534956) 12.20 Neighbours (4074956) 1.00 EastEnders (6631897) 1.35 The Two Ronnies (2155588) 2.30 Executive Stress (3984439) 1.00 Goldmaster (4353014) 3.30 The Bal (3966856) 4.00 Boon (3470256) 5.00 Generation Game (53092304) 4.05 EastEnders (9624502) 6.40 Sylves (5762256) 7.20 Russ Abbol (2815101) 8.00 Rising Damp (4354743) 8.30 Frieddle Starr (4373878) 9.00 The Bal (3475439) 9.30 The Cent (47745149) 10.35 FBLM: The Big Easty (37748598) 12.25em FBLM: The Big Easty (37748598) 12.25em FBLM: Blood The (2518786) 2.00 Shopping at Night (1024057) GRANADA PLUS GRANADA PLUS

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FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00mm Three Little Ghosts (9006033) 6.30 S.00am Pres (mb snock) (90000331 amps)
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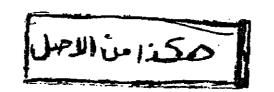
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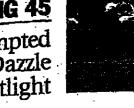




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Surrey pair stand firm to secure victory over Australia in opening one-day international

Vibrant England draw first blood

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

HEADINGLEY (England won toss): England beat Australia by six wickets

MEMORIES are rarely made of days like this. The weather was too wintry, the pitch too difficult, the game slavish to the bowlers. It all conspired to reduce the glamour of the occasion, but it could do nothing to lower the significance of the result as England fought tenaciously for a victory crucial to their credibility.

Come the end of this Ashes summer, the Texaco Trophy will have faded from the mind. yet this was a day of resonant importance for England as they set out to convince a sceptical public that the advances in management and approach add up to something more than window dressing.

They have taken the vital first step, not without a stumble but ultimately showing style and sinew. On the type of surface that they would like for every game this season. they frustrated Australia and were then carried to victory by an unbroken fifth-wicket stand of 135 between the Surrey pair, Graham Thorpe and Adam Hollioake.

This was a partnership born in desperation. England, needing 171, were 40 for four when they came together, Australia sensing that one more wicket would see the game in their grip. It might have come at any moment of the next

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half-hour as Hollioake existed precariously, but there followed an hour of increasingly

commanding batting.
It culminated in a violent pull for six by Hollioake off Gillespie from the first ball of the 41st over, settling the affair with a deceptive number of wickets and balls in hand. It had not been that straightforward, but England had achieved their goal by playing with a character and method that has sometimes been beyond them. It was a most

Hollicake carried the manof-the-match champagne down to his mother and father, who now seemed hardly to care that their luggage had not arrived with them from Australia. The international career of their eldest son is now properly launched. Two one-day games at the end of last summer and a winter in vibrant charge of the England A team identified him as a compelling personality. Here,

he showed something more. He had already taken two wickets as England's optional sixth bowler. His seam bowling, which looks innocuous, is presented cleverly, with dis-guised changes of grip and pace, but it is as a No6 batsman that he must claim his Test place. His innings began edgily, but flowered convincingly. His parents looked proud, and so they

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Match award: A J Hollosife

Umpires: A Julian and P Willey

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HEADINGLEY SCOREBOARD

England, indeed, were a sight to be proud of throughout the day. Some will scoff at the priority being placed upon image, but none can doubt that they looked impressive in their traditional caps: no more baseball caps and smart cricket to match. Michael Atherton won an important toss and his bowlers responded with vitality on a pitch offering enough movement and variation in

bounce to examine patience

and techniqu

Gough led the attack su-perbly and so long as he maintains such form, Eng-land, even without Cork, will ball. Gough quickly extracted Taylor, indecisive against a ball that lifted and left him, and a measure of the difficulties was that it took Mark Waugh nine overs to score a run. He had made only !! when he was bowled, hitting across the line in an effectively

erratic opening over from Headley. Ealham, whose controlled line is such an asset on pitches like this, reduced Steve Waugh to cramped, crouched defence and dismissed him leg-before, but, from 43 for three, Australia recovered in the care of Bevan and Blewett.

When Atherton recalled Gough for the 33rd over the game swung decisively as, in successive balls, Bevan was thrown out by Thorpe at midon and Blewett dragged on an intended yorker. Two out-standing catches, from Atherton and Ealham, removed the last of the Australian dangers and the innings subsided tamely. The one injustice was Croft, whose improvement shows no sign of slowng, did not take a wicket.

it was Australia's lowest one-day total against England in 15 games since 1989, but, for ne, they looked fending it. McGrath was waspish with the new ball it. McGrath was he will be a handful all summer. Atherton fell at the other end, caught down the leg side, but Knight and Stewart were leg-before to McGrath and when Lloyd, sent back by Thorpe, was run out by

Thorpe had been playing with assurance and now he took command as his young partner found his feet. Hollioake survived one withering over from Gillespie and might have been bowled or caught behind off a googly from Warne. After that, there was no stopping him.

Blewett, England were ailing

Australia struggled for a lifth bowler and with Warne below his best they could not check England's momentum. Once past 100, the runs came routinely, but the final blow from Hollioake was a statement of considerable intent.



Hollioake, whose contribution with bat and ball won him the man-of-the-match award, sweeps Warne yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Pragmatism pays for band of brothers

BY SIMON WILDE

ENGLAND'S defeat of Australia yesterday was good for a number of reasons, but perhaps above all as a victory for their new-found pragmatism. England appear unified to a rare degree in their collective desire to see the enemy beaten and are clearly determined to make it tough for Australia in any way they

A first blow was struck long before the tour began with the decision to use the Duke ball. a make preferred by many England bowlers and one with which the Australians are unfamiliar, as Mark Taylor, their captain, admitted

gressively and howled tightly, making excellent use of overcast conditions and a slow. stodgy pitch that was pretty much what David Gravency

ordered. The chairman of selectors has asked everyone around the counties to do their bit to bring the Ashes home and, if the England came has not issued specific instructions about the preparation of pitches for one-day matches, he can have few complaints about what has

been served up so far. The state of the pitches, of course, forms the centrepiece of England's "non-cooperation treaty". For whatever reasons, the Australians have played two of their three serious one-day matches to date in what might be termed "typical" English conditions
— and lost them both, having

first been caught on a green seamer at Worcester. If Gravency has anything to do with it there will be plenty more where that came from. Taylor, who is aware what is in the offing, admitted that yesterday's pitch was awk-

ward, but is unconcerned about the future. "The pitch was a little bit two paced." he said. "It made strokeplay diff ficult, but, if this is what we. are going to get, we will have to deal with it. We have the bowlers to cope, but it may make for low-scoring Test

County reports __ 42 and 43

Andrew Fogarty, the Head-ingley groundsman and a good friend of Michael Atherton's from his days working on the square at Old Trafford, said that he was under no instructions as to what to prepare vesterday.

"In one-day cricket, people is what it is all about," he said. "In any case, my prepar-ation was hampered by the

straight and he missed only

one tee shot. That is good. He

he will captain in September is

suddenly shaping up very

"Seve is going to have a helluva team," Bernard Galla-

cher said at the dinner, where

he accepted from Ballesteros a

replica of the Ryder Cup as

thanks for his efforts as player and captain. "He will have

Tiger Westwood, Tiger Johan-

sson. Tiger Langer."
Gallacher said. It was the only

reference, in public at least, to

Tiger Woods and it brought a

slight smile to Finchem's face

Costantino Rocca; the de-

and a grin to Ballesteros's.

The inner recesses

appalling weather. I had to keep the covers on for most of the week. The pitch had more land have been notoriously cracks in it than I would like. but the ball did not appear to misbehave much when it hit them. The ball may not have come on to the bat truly, but, overall, I was happy.

thought 220 would be about par. It was England's fielding as much as their bowling that kept Australia's total down."

The real examination will come with the Test matches, when groundsmen will be

the ball around and, at 40 for "At the start of the day, I four, England were in even more trouble than Australia had been. The difference was that they found two batsmen, Thorpe and Hollioake, who were capable of digging them out of the hole. The same when groundsmen will be thing may not happen in the expected to act on the instruct. Tests. It is very early days.

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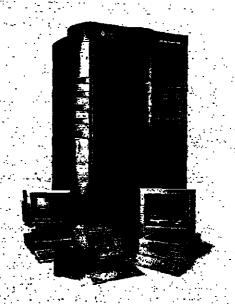
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Defeat casts cloud over Hodgson exit

FROM OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT IN MILAN

nazionale manager, who is to take over in charge at Blackburn Rovers nerd season, was believed to have left the italian club in tears after a training ground in Appiano Gentile

yesterday morning.
The drama unfolded after one of the Inter players, Javier Zanetti, an Argentinian, appeared to lash out at Hodgson when the manager substituted him in the last minute of extra time during Inter's Uefa Cup final deleat by Schalike 04 in the San Siro stadium on Wednesday night.

Zanetti, who apologised for his "two minutes of madness" yesterday, but later claimed that the reaction was "normal" in the circumstances, had to be pulled away from Hodgson on the touchline. Inter lost the penalty shoot-out at the end of the game 🚣 i.

Last night, reports here said that Massimo Moratti, the Inter president, had refused to accept Hodgson's resignation and had told him to skep on his decision and speak to him again today. Inter have only two games left to play before the end of the Serie A season. It is also thought that the fact that inter are due to play Napoli on Sunday may have contributed to Hodgson's deci-

ROY HODGSON, the Interwho enjoyed great success both in Sweden and Switzerland, told Moratti earlier this season that he would be joining Blackburn in the summer, the Inter president anthat he had persuaded Gigi Simone, the Napoli coach, to replace him. After Wednesday's disappointment, Hodgson would now he in an invidious postition on Sunday, looking like a lame duck coach.

Blackburn tried to persuade Hodgson to join them earlier in the season, when they parted company with Ray Harlord. Hodgson, who has been in charge at Inter for 18 months, initially refused, but, after the Lancashire club had been rejected by Sven Goran Erickson in layour of Lazio, Blackburn went back to him and, this time. Hodgson agreed to become their man-

ager for next season. The facilities out here in Milan are fantastic," Hodgson said as his team prepared for the game on Wednesday night, "but they are no better than what there is at Blackburn. There is no way that it will be a culture shock for me.' In the light of Zanetti's

actions in the San Siro. Ewood Park may, in fact, be some thing of a safe haven.

day, because everyone who is anyone in golf in Europe - players and officials - is here Ballesteros's mind have always been hard to penetrate, for one of the best competitive yet one can speculate that he weeks of the year. seems such a changed man Ernie Els, from the beach at not only because he can hit the George, in South Africa, and occasional shot from the mid-Nick Faldo, from the practice dle of the club, but also because the Ryder Cup team

Ryder Cup outlook

cheers Ballesteros

By John Hopkins, golf correspondent

is relaxed."

ground at Lake Nona, in Florida have also dropped in to match themselves against one of the classic courses, which this year is longer and fiercer than ever, and compete for a record purse of £1.1 The European Tour held its

THERE is a festival air at

Wentworth, where the Volvo

PGA Championship starts to-

annual dinner on Wednesday night, when the chief guest was Tim Finchem, the commissioner of the US PGA Tour, In his speech, Colin Montgomerie made special mention of Severiano Ballesteros, whose whole demeanour has changed for the better.

A lew months ago, he was doleful and downcast. His golf was awful. Now, there is a smile on his face and he is talking openly and sensibly about the Ryder Cup - in marked contrast to his resigned air earlier in the year.

The happiness of most professionals is related to the way they are striking the ball." José Maria Olazabal said. played with Seve yesterday and he was hitting his irons

vita is certainly dolce.

fending champion, conveys the impression that life could not be improved if rose petals were strewn in front of his every step. For the man who spent years working in a dreary factory, and has now become one of Europe's best players — and a near certainty for the Ryder Cup team - la

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